

LPMGA Mission Statement: The Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association, Inc. assists the LSU AgCenter in educating Lafayette and surrounding areas about horticulture and environmental stewardship through the transmission of factual, research-based information.

LPMGA Vision Statement: Growing a vibrant, green, and healthy community through Horticulture Education



**LPMGA General Membership Meeting Minutes
LEDA Office, Lafayette, LA
Wednesday, March 7, 2018/6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order: LPMGA President MaryAnn Armbruster called the General Membership Meeting to order and welcomed members and guests at approximately 6:05 P.M.

Vice President, Juan Nieto introduced speaker, Dr. Stuart Gauthier who discussed cold damaged plants. The 2017/2018 winter has been the coldest in our area since 1989. March 4th is the average date of the last frost in our area, the latest on record is March 30th.

Stuart recommended that late February/early March is a good time to fertilize citrus trees and is also a good time to plant citrus trees. He said we can use nitrogen at bloom time and again late May/early June. He reminded us that fertilizer should be applied at the drip line.

President, MaryAnn Armbruster, greeted all in attendance and asked for approval of minutes. Ellen Grote moved that the minutes be approved, Pam Womack seconded. The motion passed.

MaryAnn discussed the need for all committees to have a chair person and co-chair and encouraged the committee chairs to find co-chairs.

LAF MG Web Master, Karen Willingham, is working to update our web site. Karen is looking for a co-chair.

Volunteers are needed for Festival des Fleurs and our plant sale.

Corresponding Secretary, Ellen Garacci, told us that she sent four sympathy/get well cards during the past month.

Membership cards have been printed for the paid and active members. Cards will be available during membership meetings and at our greenhouse on Wednesdays during propagation.

Ellen discussed the XL version of our Membership Roster:

To enlarge the online XL document, touch the top left corner to capture the page, then increase the size.

To return to original size, top the back arrow on the top left.

S = Sustaining member

Purple = 2017 class members

Red = Meritorious members

Inactive members are members that have not paid their dues or have not recorded their volunteer hours. If you entered your volunteer hours but they are not being recorded, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jay Ruffin.

ruffinjrjay1103@gmail.com

337-281-2749

We are trying to obtain emergency contact information for each member. Please submit this information to Ellen.

frankellen@cox.net

337-967-0130

The Spring Horticulture Hints will be available at the April membership meeting.

Recording Secretary, Patricia Soileau, reported that there are 62 people in attendance at the meeting.

The board approved purchase of an external hard drive to store all MG minutes.

Treasurer: Debbie Garrene Dupuy (not present)

Member-At-Large: Jacob Williams (not present)

Ag Agent, Dan Devenport, stated that we have insurance for Festival des Fleurs for active members only.

Code of Conduct forms must be signed by all members each year.

Garden Talks will be held at All Seasons Nursery

2974 Johnston Street

337-264-1418

Newsletter Editor, Theresa Rohloff, requested that submissions be made by the 17th of each month.

If you are not receiving the newsletter, please check your Spam folder. If it is not there, contact Theresa at newsletter@lpmga.org

OLD BUSINESS:

Jr. MG, Martha Giroir, is looking for volunteers to help with the Children's booth during Festival des Fleur.

martha.giroir@lusfiber.net

337-962-2480

Merchandise chair person, Peggy Taylor, stated that the deadline to order T-shirts is Monday, March 12th.

Raffle Tickets – Babette Werner is selling Raffle tickets that will be drawn during Festival des Fleurs.

babsvwerner@aol.com

337-258-6411

Pine Straw Sale – Colette Anzalone stated that pine straw will be available for pick up on Saturday, April 7th. The location will be at the near the student housing located down Coliseum drive, 1st gravel drive on the left.

Contact Colette @

ministries@shbroussard.org

337-288-0283

NEW BUSINESS:

LARC – Chuck Schrader will be working with LARC members to establish a vegetable garden. He is looking for volunteers to assist. He needs two volunteers, weekdays from 9:00 – 10:30 AM. Will take whatever time you can provide. Contact Chuck at:
chuckandkateschrader@gmail.com
215-801-5474

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 26th at 1:00 PM in the Ira Nelson library.

Our next membership meeting is Wednesday, April 4th at noon at the downtown branch of the Lafayette Public Library.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, MaryAnn Armbruster requested a motion to adjourn. Theresa Rohloff moved to adjourn the meeting.
Pam Womack 2nd the motion.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Patricia Soileau
LPMGA Recording Secretary