

LPMG General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, October 5, 2022  
Southside Library

Our October meeting was called to order at 12:06. Juan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul made a motion to approve the September minutes; Kay seconded. Minutes approved. Juan began the rest of the meeting with a summary of the evolving School Garden Initiative. Juan has been involved for 13 years and notes how important this program is to the students of Lafayette. Linda Beyt is the new chairman of SGI while Celeste Finney and Sue Stoltz serve as co-chair and vice chair respectively. We still have 9 schools in the program, and our volunteers have diminished in numbers since Covid began. Juan showed a Powerpoint highlighting those members serving on SGI, and he hopes we can attract a few more volunteers to this important mission. Juan also thanked John Fontaine and all that his group does for their school in the SGI. Juan noted that the rest of the meeting would be devoted to the recognition of individuals who have done so much for the master gardener program.

Immediate Past President Heather Finley gave an election update. Member at Large is nominated from the floor and nominations are being accepted. Currently, Christine Devenport and Yvonne Lanoux are running for this position. Bootise Durand is running for VP, Mary Kraemer for recording secretary, and Meagan Stogsdill for Corresponding Secretary. Voting will be online. Heather honored L J Delcambre and Jim Russo who stepped up to co-chair the Plant Fest for next year. Both are enthusiastic and have great ideas for our next sales.

In her report, Vice President Mary Gladney said that Ch. 15 (KADN) reached out to Juan and they would like to form a little gardening show. Mary is working with the station and will try

to get a committee to work on this idea. Mary notes that the next general meeting will be at the downtown library at noon. Mary honored Lynn Hair who has completed her 40 hours. Mary also chose Dan Devenport to recognize for his service. Dan is now a master gardener and has already been working on several projects.

Treasurer Angela Moles noted that the MGs raised over \$10,000 dollars at the Fall Fest. The raffle cleared over \$2140. Angela chose Karen Willingham to honor for her years of computer help to our association.

Corresponding Secretary Meagan Stogsdill said that we would soon see forms for dues, code of conduct, and committee sign up forms in our email. Meagan chose Jeanell Menard for her work running the class, years in propagation, willingness to help anyone and her great job as email liason. Cindy Wiley sent a sympathy card to Mary Ann Nix whose son passed away recently. Cindy chose Yvonne Lanoux to recognize for her service to the rose bed.

Recording Secretary Kathy Troyanowski recognized Tommy Hayes for his service in cleaning the cottage beds and grounds. Jess Richmond was chosen for continuing service in the school gardens. Member at Large Marsha Bayer chose Gail Evans to honor for the native plant bed among other things.

Volunteer Coordinator Louann Long honored Marcella Peron for her dedication to keeping the cottage propagation- ready each week. Louann answered some questions she had received about volunteerism. First, inactive members CAN volunteer; that is how they get active again. Second, time to and from education hours can be counted as well as the miles. If more than 250 miles, turn that info over to Louann and she

will turn it over to Sara Shields. Finally, hours must be reported by November 30 to be eligible for a top 10 volunteer.

Linda Alesi noted calendars have gone up in price to \$12. Gail will have a list at propagation, and a form will be sent out. Maggie Menard will send an email regarding pine straw pickup on November 11 and 12. Mazie says the next garden talk at Moncus Park is October 20 at 6PM on medicinal gardening. Forms are now available for the social (December 7, 6 PM) at Petroleum Club. A new manager is in charge at the club, so services should be improved over last year. Friday December 2 is the deadline to turn in forms and money. Charles Hebert may be emailing information regarding 4-H judging contests. This month's door prize winner was Dan Devenport.

Announcements:

Board Meeting - October 18 at Ira Nelson, 1 PM

Next General Meeting - November 2 at 12, DOWNTOWN  
LIBRARY

Meagan made a motion to adjourn. Louann seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Minutes Submitted by Kathy Troyanowski