

Minutes of the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners' Monthly Meeting November 2, 2021



President Rob Piraro called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. John Markham led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The trip to Shangri-La in Orange, Texas was discussed, and the following members volunteered to drive:

Linda Bienvenue
Janice Esthay
Pam Langley

It was decided to meet at the location at 9 am.

In new business, the cost of providing gumbo at the Garden Expo in March was discussed. Linda Bienvenue knows of someone willing to donate 100 lbs of chicken for the event. The cost of fish burgers and hamburgers, which are served for lunch to MG and vendors on Friday and Saturday, was estimated at \$300 for labor and \$500 for food. No final decision was made, and discussion was tabled until the January meeting.

Mark announced that plants were still left in the greenhouse and would be sold for 50 cents each.

John Markham announced that the LSU AgCenter Calendars are available. The regular price of the calendars is \$12.00. The price charged to Master Gardener groups by LSU is \$7.45 each. Pam made the motion to sell calendars to our members for \$8.00 and to others at the regular price of \$12.00. Betsy seconded the motion and it carried.

A discussion was held on the number of calendars we needed to order. It was determined that we would order 60 calendars and order more later if needed.

Patty Palmer, who has been co-chair of the hospitality room at the Expo in the past and continues to serve, requested that we purchase plastic storage bins to keep supplies for hospitality room. Rob approved the request.

Mark also announced that we will have strawberries in 2 gallon pots for sale at the Expo. It is estimated that it costs us \$3.00 per pot in plants and soil. There are 3 plants per pot. The suggested price to sell the pots is \$15-\$20 per pot.

Bryan Walker made the motion to adjourn and Keith Greenlee seconded.

Attendance:

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| 1. John Markham | 6. Keith Greenlee |
| 2. Ervin McLendon | 7. Horace Rider |
| 3. Pam Langley | 8. Betsy Doucet |
| 4. Mark Derise | 9. Patty Palmer |
| 5. Linda Bienvenue | 10. Julie Engert |
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11. Linda Finley
12. Raymond Andrews
13. Annette DesOrmeaux
14. Rob Piraro
15. Nola Ducote
16. Maria Bond
17. Geoffrey Bond
18. Mary McMahon
19. Clare Prejean
20. Jerry Byrd
21. Dianne Fruge
22. Bryan Walker