

Minutes of the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners' Monthly Meeting December 7, 2021



President Rob Piraro called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes from previous meeting were not reviewed since the secretary has not gotten around to writing them up.

The treasurer reported that there was a \$100 charge from Spanky's Bar and Grill of Orange, Texas. Members who attended Shangri La was treated to lunch by the club. The current balance is \$32,956.23. There was income of \$423 from plant sales and \$1.36 in interest. There was an expense of \$103.73 for seeds that Mark Derise bought for plant sale.

Rob reminded everyone that they needed to post their volunteer hours on the LSU site.

Pam Langley reported that the bylaw committee had finished the revisions to the bylaws and submitted them to Mr. Turley. Mr. Turley has approved the changes and then next step is to email them to the group for their consideration.

Mark reported on heaters for the greenhouse. The west heater is working. A fan is on order for the east heater.

Keith will send out email to see if anyone is interested in attending NE LA Master Gardeners plant sale and conference on Jan. 15th.

John Markham reported that we ordered 60 LSU Calendars and they will be sold for \$10 each. Julie Engert suggested giving Cobra Head tools for Christmas gifts.

Rob announced steering committee meetings for the Garden Expo: Jan 14, Feb 11, and Mar 11. They are held at the AgCenter starting at 10 am.

Janet moved that we buy serving spoons and Raymond Andrews seconded. The motion passed. Serving spoons will be purchased for use by the club.

Mr. Turley will be ordering purple shirts and they will be in shortly.

Raymond asked about school gardens. Nola Ducote has no info on grants, but will pass Raymond's contact info on to interested teachers.

Rob reminded everyone that the group had decided to donate money to KPLC's Community Christmas instead of collecting toys. Each member donated \$5 to the cause. Pam Langley collected the funds and will send the collection to KPLC.

The meeting was then adjourned so that Christmas Festivities could begin. A fantastic meal was had by all.

Attendance:

1. Raymond Andrews
2. Ervin McLendon
3. Veronica Beniot
4. Patty Palmer
5. Janice Esthay
6. Suzanne Abshire
7. Annette Des Ormeaux
8. Mark Derise
9. Linda Bienvenue
10. Mary McMahan
11. Pam Langley
12. John Markham
13. Frank Conrad
14. Thelma Cook
15. Rob Piraro
16. Janet Piraro
17. Jerry Byrd
18. Linda Finley
19. Maria Bond
20. Clare Prejean
21. Dianne Fruge
22. Jessie Arabie
23. Julie Engert
24. Nola Ducote