

Minutes of the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners' Monthly Meeting June 7, 2022



Master Gardener President Rob Piraro called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Keith Greenlee led the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Keith Greenlee moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Mark Derise seconded, and the motion was approved. The minutes will stand as posted on email.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Thelma Cook, Treasurer gave the treasurers report. We currently have a balance of \$45,828.18. It was reported that \$5,928.67 in gate fees from the Garden Expo was paid out to Mr. Turley.

OLD BUSINESS

Group Trip: The trip to Avery Island has been cancelled for this year. Plans for another trip next spring may be re-visited later.

In lieu of the Avery Island trip, Keith Greenlee has suggested that the group tour James Burnett's yard in the DeRidder area. There are several nurseries that could be on the list to visit also. Several members indicated interest, so Keith will work on details.

School gardens: Nola Ducote passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with school gardens. She will get back to us when she knows more about the school board's plans.

Reporting Hours on LSU AgCenter Site: Rob reminded members that we need to report hours on the LSU site. We are required to have 20 hours of volunteer service and 6 hours of continuing education in a year to keep our MG status. He volunteered to help those who were having problems signing on at the end of the meeting.

Food: Members were also asked to sign-up to bring food for July and November.

NEW BUSINESS

MG Shirt Drawing: Linda Finley announced that Delores Ward turned in three Master Gardener shirts and several gardening books to be given away to members. Members were asked to put their names in a bag for a drawing to be held after the meeting to give away the shirts.

Scholarship: Linda Finley also reminded members that the scholarship applications are due at the end of this month. She asked members to prod any interested student they may know to apply.

Speakers for meetings: It was announced that Karen Winkle with Heaven on Earth will be speaking in August. Janet Piraro also said she will call Allen Owings again and see if he will present this fall.

Mark Derise announced that the basil plants need to be planted after the meeting.

Janet announced that we will have a meeting with the 4-H'ers sometime in July.

A motion was made to adjourn.

The results of the MG shirt drawing are as follows:

Raymond Andrews won the large MG shirt

Veronica Benoit won the medium MG shirt

Margie Castille won the small MG shirts

Refreshments were provided by Gloria Byars, Betsy Doucet, and Annette DesOrmeaux

Attendance:

Mark A. Derise

Jessie Arabie

Janet Piraro

Rob Piraro

Raymond Andrews

Thelma Cook

Betsy Doucet

Linda Bienvenue

Linda Finley

Veronica Benoit

Mary McMahan

Maria Bond

Annette DesOrmeaux

Jerry Byrd

Margie Castille

Nola Ducote

Patty Palmer

Janice Esthay

Dianne Fruge

Geoffrey Bond

Maria Bond

Pam Langley

Keith Greenlee