

Minutes of the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners' Monthly Meeting July 5, 2022



Master Gardener President Rob Piraro called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Janet Piraro 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. We had no expenses and no income over the past month.

OLD BUSINESS

Group Trip: The group tour of James Burnett's yard in the DeRidder area has been postponed until cooler weather arrives.

School gardens: Nola Ducote reported that there have been no changes in the school gardens since school is not in session.

4H: Janet reported that July 22 has been set for 4H day. Fourth through sixth graders will plant seeds in pots. We will be funding the expenses of the pots and seeds.

Scholarship: Linda Finley has reported that we currently have three applicants for our scholarship, but they have not been evaluated. If there's more than one qualified applicant, then she will report at the next meeting with the request that we fund more than one scholarship.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Plant Sale: Mark Derise reported that we have all supplies needed for a fall plant sale. Our tentative sale date will be the last Saturday of October, which means we should plant seeds in August.

AgCenter Remodel: The police jury is planning on remodeling, but their plans have not been finalized. They may start work sometime in August and the building will be totally closed to our use. In preparation for future meeting space, Rob has requested that we be allowed to use the Chalkley Room at Burton Coliseum for our meetings. Another option might be the Seed Center at McNeese State University.

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.

Adjourned: Keith Greenlee moved and Thelma Cook seconded adjournment at 10:55 am.

Speaker: James Burnett, a master gardener from DeRidder, presented a talk on growing Japanese Maples, wild azaleas, and yellow magnolias.

Attendance:

Pam Langley
Mark Derise
Keith Greenlee
Thelma Cook
Bryan Walker
Ervin McLendon
Keith Lawrence
Janet Piraro
Rob Piraro
Betsy Doucet
Raymond Andrews
Frank Conner
Linda Finley
Nola Ducote
Veronica Benoit
Jerry Byrd
Annette DesOrmeaux
Patty Palmer
Mary McMahan
Carolyn Miller
Dianne Fruge
Jessie Arabie