

Minutes of the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners' Monthly Meeting Nov. 1, 2022

Master Gardener President Rob Piraro called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m. Keith Greenlee led the Pledge of Allegiance



Minutes

Pam Langley, Secretary, announced that since she was absent from the last meeting there are no minutes to be read.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Thelma Cook, Treasurer gave the treasurers report. We currently have a balance of \$45,639.18. Total receipts from the Fall Veggie sale were \$3,963.50. After all expenses and start-up change were accounted for, the profit made on the sale was \$1688.

OLD BUSINESS

AgCenter Remodel: Mark Derise announced the greenhouse now has a new roof. It needs to be cleaned and that is what our next workdays will be centered around.

Mulch: Keith Greenlee reported that a bale of pinestraw that covers about 10 sq. ft. will cost about \$10. A discussion was held, and members agreed that pinestraw is the best mulch material because it will last longer than bark mulch since it will not float away with the heavy rains.

4-H: Janet announced that there is nothing new to report from the 4-H group.

Fall Plant Sale: Mark reported that the good points of the sale included, 1) Advertisement, 2) MG help, 3) Clipboards away from greenhouse with MG there to answer questions, and 4) Rob as cashier. Some improvements include, 1) Laminate signs with names on both sides to be read from both directions, 2) arrange list in same order as plants in greenhouse to make location easier, 3) have water available for workers, and 4) help needed for cashier.

All plants remaining in green house will be available to Master Gardeners at no charge next Tuesday.

Schools: Nola Ducote reported that the school board representative, Leslie, will handle donated monies and appropriations to the schools. MG's will provide knowledge, advise, and limited funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Meal: A discussion was held on the fact that some members repeatedly bring food while others rarely bring food. Keith moved that one person bring the entrée and be re-imbursed up to \$75 for the clubs monthly meal. The motion carried. Keith agreed to bring a ham to the December meeting. All other members are expected to bring a side dish for the Christmas meeting.

Rob announced that a sign-up sheet would be passed around and if no one signed up to bring food to the monthly meetings, then the practice would be abandoned. A sign-up sheet was passed around and was quickly filled.

Announcements: It was announced that next Tuesday will be election day.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Speaker: Pam Langley presented free apps for your phone and computer that may be used to help ID plants. Included were iNaturalist, Google Lens, and the Photos app on iPhone.

Attendance:

Pam Langley
Ervin McLendon
Linda Bienvenue
Virginia Weaver
Keith Greenlee
Mark Derise
Rob Piraro
Janet Piraro
Maria Bond
Cynthia Robertson
Betsy Doucet
Della Hoffpauir
Frank Conrad
Annette DesOrmeaux
Linda Finley
Thelma Cook
Jerry Byrd
Janice Esthay
Patty Palmer
Mary McMahan
Carolyn Miller
Raymond Andrus
Nola Ducote