

Minutes of the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners' Monthly Meeting Dec. 6, 2022

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



Minutes

Keith Greenlee moved and Linda Bienvenue seconded that reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed since minutes were distributed by email. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Thelma Cook, Treasurer gave the treasurers report. Expenditures in the month of October 2022 included \$60.26 for trip to Master Gardener Appreciation Day in Hammond, \$29.70 for fall plant sale ad in newspaper, \$360 for MG Booths for Spring Expo, \$38.73 for Christmas party entrée, \$322 for veggie seeds, \$67.49 for Osmocote and rat poison, and \$193.82 for ladder, shelf, and totes. There was a late deposit from our fall plant sale of \$104.50. The current bank balance is \$44,671.67. Keith moved to approve the treasurers report and it was seconded by Betsy Doucet. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

AgCenter Remodel: Mark Derise announced painting has begun in the AgCenter, and new ceilings are being installed. No new flooring yet.

Schools: Nola Ducote reported that 75 tubs for planting has been delivered to the school board. They will distribute them. Hand tools and organic Miracle Gro are being distributed now. We are working on getting early season tomatoes so that they may be harvested by the time school lets out in May. About \$305 has been spent in parochial schools that have asked for assistance.

Mulch: Mark reported that the pine straw is staying in place and covering beds better than old mulch. There was a discussion on putting pine straw in the rose beds. It was decided to confer with Julie Engert on the rose beds.

NEW BUSINESS

Risk Management: Rob reported that LSU has asked for us to write a report about the club supported activities that occur during the calendar year. The report is to be sent to Dr. Shields of LSU. A discussion followed and Pam Langley volunteered to write the report and submit it.

Announcements: Annette DesOrmeaux purchased a get-well card for Suzanne Abshire and has asked all members to write a short note and sign the card.

Community Christmas Donation: Members were reminded that a \$5 donation from each member has been requested to be given to KPLC's Community Christmas. Bryan Walker moved that the club match

the amount taken up. Keith Greenlee seconded the motion and it carried. Treasurer Thelma Cook will take care of sending in our donations.

Spring Plant Sales: Mark Derise reported that the cost of producing a single plant for the sale has risen to \$0.70 each and asked if we wanted to raise the price we charge. Pam Langley moved that we leave the price of our 4" pots at \$1.50. Betsy Doucet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

July Meeting Date: Mark announced that our regular meeting date in July 2023 will be on the 4th of July. A discussion followed and it was decided to move the meeting date in July to the second Tuesday which will be July 11, 2023.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

A delicious Christmas meal was enjoyed by all members and guests.

Attendance:

Pam Langley
Mark Derise
Rob Piraro
Janet Piraro
Bryan Walker
Thelma Cook
Linda Bienvenue
Virginia Weaver
Cynthia Robertson
Betsy Doucet
Linda Finley
Jerry Byrd
Raymond Andrews
Patty Palmer
Sparkle Beniot
Annette DesOrmeaux
Geoffrey Bond
Maria Bond
Keith Greenlee
Mary McMahan
Margie Castille
Nola Ducote
Gloria Byars
Harriet Green
Meg Green (Guest)
Carolyn Miller
Jimmy Meaux (Guest)
Heather White (Guest)