

# Minutes of the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners' Monthly Meeting Jan. 3, 2023

Master Gardener Vice President Mark Derise called the meeting to order at 10:16a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting was held in a break room at Burton due to no AC in the Chalkley room.



## **Minutes**

Betsy Doucet moved and Mary McMahan 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:** Treasurer Thelma Walker was not able to attend the meeting so Pam Langley, Secretary, summarized the Treasurer's report. The balance at the end of December 2023 was \$43,138.11.

**CobraHead Tools:** Since Julie Engert was not present at the meeting, Pam Langley read Julie's report on CobraHead tools. We have 6 tools on hand. Current prices for members: \$45 for long handle, \$18 for regular handheld, and \$16 for mini handheld. Current prices to the public: \$50 for long handle, \$25 for regular handheld, and \$20 for mini handheld.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**AgCenter Remodel:** Mark Derise announced that the new roof has been completed on the building and work on the inside continues.

**Schools:** Nola Ducote reported that the freeze that we had in December has probably killed all of the plants that had been planted in school gardens. Mark has distributed all of the hand tools. We have seeded early variety tomatoes for the schools to plant in an effort to have plants that will produce before the end of the school term.

**Scholarships:** Linda Finley reported that one of our last scholarship recipients, Calab Chiasson, has graduated. She has not heard from Harley Haley, our second scholarship recipient.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Spring Plant Sales:** Mark Derise reported that Jan. 5 will be planting day, which is 8 weeks before the sale. Members wanting to help plant should be at the greenhouse at 9 am on the 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be seeding Tomatoes, Peppers and Eggplant for the sale at the Expo. He also encouraged members with fig trees to bring cuttings so they may be rooted for the Spring/Expo sales.

**LSU Calendars:** Betsy moved that we get a box (40 calendars) of LSU Calendars to sell to Master Gardeners and the public. Raymond Andrews seconded, and the motion carried. Betsy will see to ordering the calendars.

**Rose Garden:** Since Julie Engert was absent, Mark reported that Julie would like to have some pinestraw for the rose garden. Also, if there are no objections, she would like to invite the Rose Club to help in pruning the rose bushes. There were no objections.

**Greenhouse:** Mark reported that the motors to open and close the louvers are out. The police jury has them on order and with any luck the new ones will be installed before the plants go in.

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

**Attendance:**

Pam Langley  
Clare Prejean  
Frank Conrad  
Virginia Weaver  
Betsy Doucet  
Geoffrey Bond  
Maria Bond  
Ervin McLendon  
Cynthia Robertson  
Veronica Benoit  
Patty Palmer  
Linda Finley  
Mary McMahan  
Annette DesOrmeaux  
Gloria Byars  
Nola Ducote  
Raymond Andrews  
Carolyn Miller  
Jerry Byrd  
Mark Derise