

Minutes of the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners'

Monthly Meeting June 6, 2023

Master Gardener President Rob Piraro called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Enos Derbonne Sports Complex, 7903 Lake Street. Mark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Minutes

Thelma Cook moved, seconded by Mark Derise that minutes of the May meeting be approved as distributed.

REPORTS

Treasurer

Thelma Cook gave a detailed report of income and expenses. The balance as of May 25, 2023, was \$50,203.93. The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously with the motion and second by Mary McMahan and Julie Engert.

Rose Garden

Julie reported that two roses were transplanted into the Rose Garden, Queen Elizabeth and one from Van's garden.

OLD BUSINESS

Ag Center Remodel: Currently working on gutters and replacing glass panels. Expected completion is eight weeks.

Greenhouse Table Construction: Mark reported that table tops are complete. Water pump was replaced..

Schools: Nola Ducote and Mark reported that 20 to 22 schools participated in school gardens. Most schools have bedding material for next year. School is out and will start again in August.

Compost Pile Removal: Mark reported that it is still too wet to get the tractor in the side yard of the Ag Center to remove the compost pile.

New Pots for Patio area: Janet asked to wait on getting more pots for now.

Watering System: Mark stated that Jimmy Meaux will talk to the Police Jury after the completion of all other work at the Ag Center.

Pressure Washer: Mark will continue to investigate choosing an appropriate electric pressure washer.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Keith Greenlee/Thelma Cook approved to spend up to \$250.00 on pea gravel.

The group would like to have speakers at the monthly meeting. Keith volunteered to work on finding speakers

Keith requested that someone be added to the refreshment list to provide drinks at the meetings. The following signed up for drinks for the remainder of 2023:

July—Janet and Rob

August—Clare Prejean

September—Cynthia Robertson

October—Annette DesOrmeaux

November—Geoffrey Bond

December—Mark Derise

The July meeting will be held on July 11 since the regular meeting date is July 4.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Linda Finley, Acting Secretary

Attendance:

Raymond Andrews

Jessie Arabie

Veronica Benoit

Linda Bienvenue

Geoffrey Bond

Maria Bond

Jerry Byrd

Thelma Cook

Mark Derise

Annette DesOrmeaux

Nola Ducote

Julie Engert

Linda Finley

Keith Greenlee

Leonard Knapp, Jr.

Mary McMahan

Carolyn Miller

Patty Palmer

Janet Piraro

Rob Piraro

Clare Prejean

Cynthia Robertson