

# Minutes of the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners' Monthly Meeting July 11, 2023

Master Gardener President Rob Piraro called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. at the Enos Derbonne Sports Complex at 7903 Lake Street. Mark Derise led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.



## **Minutes**

Thelma Cook moved, and Keith Greenlee seconded, that we dispense of reading the minutes of the last meeting since minutes were distributed earlier to the group by email. The motion passed.

## **REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Thelma Cook presented the treasurer report. The current balance is \$49,538.05. The two main expenses for this past month were \$351.00 rental fee for storage of our items while the AgCenter is under construction and \$212.67 to replenish the pea gravel in the walkways around the flower beds at the AgCenter. Keith Greenlee moved and Mary McMahon seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Scholarships:** Linda Finley announced that she received no applications for our scholarship this fall. She contacted MSU and the Scholarship Office agreed to help out and send notices to qualified students.

**Guest Speakers:** Keith Greenlee passed out a list of speakers that he has acquired for us for August through November. We will not have a speaker in December, since that is our Christmas celebration. Members thanked Keith for a job well done.

**AgCenter Remodel:** Work is almost complete.

**Schools:** No report since school is not in session.

**Compost Pile Removal:** Mark reported that it will be moved to the hole in the back lot.

**Pressure Washer:** Mark reported that he found an electric pressure washer for \$325 that is 2500 psi. He will order it.

**Watering at the AgCenter:** Janet Piraro passed a sheet around for members to sign up to water at the AgCenter. With the extreme heat this summer, our flower beds need consistent watering. Since a dedicated few have been watering, the flower beds are still looking nice.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Fall Planting:** Mark announced that we have all the supplies that are needed for the fall planting. Keith proposed to buy veggie plants from the Master Gardeners to sell at his shop in Grand Lake.

There were no objections to this proposal. A discussion followed about selling other things besides just veggies at the Expo. Everyone was in agreement and a plan to work on propagating landscape plants will be developed on Tuesday workdays.

**New MG Class:** There are 7 new Master Gardener Students enrolled in the class.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

**Attendance:**

Frank Conrad  
Thelma Cook  
Cynthia Robertson  
Patty Palmer  
Linda Bienvenue  
Janet Piraro  
Janice Esthay  
Robert Piraro  
Linda Finley  
Mary McMahan  
Veronica Benoit  
Raymond Andrews  
Mark Derise  
Keith Greenlee  
Dianne Frugé  
Jerry Byrd  
Nola Ducote  
Pam Langley