

Minutes of the Southwest Louisiana Master Gardeners' Monthly Meeting Aug. 1, 2023

Master Gardener President Rob Piraro called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the newly remodeled LSU Lake Charles AgCenter on Gulf Hwy. Mark Derise led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.



Minutes

Janet Piraro 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 was not present. Mark Derise presented the treasurer report. The current balance is \$48,068.98. The main expenses for this past month included \$500.27 for a pressure washer, pots for AgCenter landscape at \$206.81 and \$217.91 for sprinkler supplies for the greenhouse. It was moved and seconded that the treasurers report be approved and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Scholarships: Linda Finley announced that we currently have 2 complete scholarship applications, but she has not had time to review them as yet. A discussion followed about getting students to apply for scholarships and Pam Langley volunteered to post info about the scholarship on our webpage. Linda agreed to supply the info to Pam.

Schools: No report since school is not in session.

Compost Pile Removal: Still in the plans to be moved.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Planting: Mark announced that we will start planting seeds on August 21 and the Fall Veggie sale will be tentatively set for Oct 21, or Oct 28 depending on growth of plants. Mark asked if members agreed to buying strawberry plants from Mr. Turley, planting them in 4" pots and selling at the early spring sale. Members were in agreement with the strawberry plan.

Rose Garden: More mulch is needed for the rose garden and Keith agreed to get a price for us.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.

Speaker: Dr. Eric Snow, chiropractor and applied clinical nutritionist, presented a talk on eating healthy foods for your health.

Attendance:

1. Linda Bienvenue
2. Keith Greenlee
3. Mark Derise
4. Janet Piraro
5. Rob Piraro
6. Jessie Arabie
7. Julie Engert
8. Cynthia Robertson
9. Linda Finley
10. Pam Langley
11. Mary McMahan
12. Clare Prejean
13. Margie Castille
14. Betsy Doucet
15. Veronica Benoit
16. Raymond Andrews
17. Patty Palmer
18. Keith Lawrence
19. Harriet Green
20. Leonart Knapp
21. Jerry Byrd