

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



Master Gardener President Rob Piraro called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the LSU Lake Charles AgCenter on Gulf Hwy. Geoffery Bond led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. It was noted that many members were not present due to judging at the Beauregard Parish fair.

Minutes

Linda Finley moved, and Janet Piraro seconded, that we dispense of reading the minutes since minutes were distributed earlier to the group by email. The motion passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Thelma Cook was absent, and the treasurer's report was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Plant Sale: It was announced that our fall plant sale will be held Oct 7, from 8 am until noon at the greenhouse. Members were asked to be at the greenhouse at 7:30am to help prepare for customers.

Strawberry Plants: It is expected that strawberry plants will arrive at the AgCenter around the middle of the month. Members are needed to help separate and count the plants to fulfill the orders.

Front Flower Beds: Janet announced that \$200 was spent on 2 large planter pots for the front of the AgCenter. They will be set up and planted soon.

Gounds Tour: Patty Palmer announced that a group from a church in Moss Bluff will be here this coming Tuesday for a tour of the grounds.

NEW BUSINESS

Rose Garden Budget: Pam Langley proposed that we set up a yearly budget for upkeep of the rose garden. A \$500 a year budget was proposed that would be managed by Julie Engert, our rose garden manager. The motion was made by Pam and seconded by Janet. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 am.

Speaker: David Booth, member of the Gulf Coast Bird Club and current president of the Louisiana Ornithological Society gave a talk on birding. He also covered plants that are beneficial to our local bird population.

Attendance:

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| 1. Janet Piraro | 9. Sabrina Beaty | 17. Harriet Green |
| 2. Jessie Arabie | 10. Clare Prejean | 18. Carolyn Miller |
| 3. Patty Palmer | 11. Keith Lawrence | 19. Julie Engert |
| 4. Pam Langley | 12. Rob Piraro | |
| 5. Geoffrey Bond | 13. Cindy Ottenweller | |
| 6. Maria Bond | 14. Sianne Fruge | |
| 7. Linda Finley | 15. Jerry Byrd | |
| 8. Roger Newman | 16. Alice O'Keefe | |