

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Coleen Meyer
From meeting on February 2, 2023, at 6.45 pm

Location: In person at White Rock Public Library

Program: 2022 Demonstration Garden Boxes - Ame Mashburn

Reports

Minutes: November minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report:

1. Balance is unchanged at approximately \$8,978.33 (as of 10/27/2022).
2. Laurie distributed and discussed a revised budget. The White Rock Community Garden has been included in the LAMG budget with an annual budget of \$150.
3. Christina Hipp motioned to approve the budget. Denise seconded the motion. Members approved the revised budget.

Extension Agent Report – Angela Prada

1. Updated members on the 2023 MG class. There are 10 students enrolled (9 paying and 1 on scholarship).
2. Angela distributed names tags. See Angela if there are any questions.
3. There will be a Fruit Growers workshop March 2nd in Abiquiu. The cost is \$20. A flyer will be distributed by the Extension Office.

Demo Garden update – Denise George

1. The garden is covered in snow, so there is not a lot to report or do.
2. However, there are signs of gopher activity. To be addressed in the spring.
3. There are 2 signs in the Casita. One is for the Moonlight garden and one is for the Pollinator garden. We need the County to install posts.

Other Community Service Activities update

1. White Rock Community Garden is also being plagued by gopher, rabbit and ants.
2. Seed Library – There are currently six volunteers. They gather every Friday to sort and package seeds. They are in the process of developing procedures. There will be a Grand Opening at the Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos on March 25th. More information to be announced, but this will be a big event with media coverage and a ribbon cutting ceremony. LAMG is invited to host a table at the event.
3. Plant Sale – Ame, Dena, KokHeong, Carolyn, Coleen, Alison, and Ruth volunteered to organize this year's plant sale. Shari has family obligations that may preclude her from being involved this year. The date is TBD. Having it May 21st is convenient for planting and avoiding school graduation plans while having it same day as Chamber Fest could draw a bigger crowd. A decision on the date will be made next meeting.
4. Future Activities – Other proposed activities for LAMG were discussed and included a Garden Fair, walking tours, the plant sale, revising and distributing the County Extension Office/LAMG pamphlet, a landscaping program, and a table at the LA Farmer's Market. Activities will depend on member involvement.

2023 Officers

1. There were no nominations or volunteers for Offices at the meeting, but if anyone is interested, please let Carolyn know as soon as possible. All current Officers are willing to continue.
2. Vote - Postponed to March meeting.

LAMG Future Programs

1. Program for March 2: Alison Grieggs on straw bale gardening

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2. Program for May: Graduation and Meet & Greet with members of the Class of 2023. Details TBD.

Next LAMG meeting – March 2, 2022: Next meeting will be at Fuller Lodge Main Room, Los Alamos, in-person.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

LAMG Attendees: Dena Brent, Betsy Comly, Ruth Doyle, Alison Grieggs, Denise George, Christine Hipp, Judy Hoffman, Carolyn Mangeng, KokHeong McNaughton, Coleen Meyer, Angela Prada, Vicki Ricketts, and Robert & Laurie Walker.