

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm
White Rock Branch Library, White Rock

President (Facilitator): Carolyn Mangeng

Members unanimously elected Coleen Meyer and Judy Magelssen as co-secretaries for LAMG.

Reports

Approved **minutes** for November 7, 2019 meeting written by Carolyn Mangeng.

Treasurer Report by Laurie Walker

1. Laurie presented the annual report.
 - a. Carry over from 2018 \$ 3467.49
 - b. Total income \$ 4355.86
 - c. Total expenses \$ 2284.82
 - d. Balance 12/31/19 \$ 5538.53
2. The proposed 2020 budget was amended to include \$500.00 for the grass garden. Christine moved to accept the amended budget, Bob Walker 2nd. Motion passed.
3. 2020 member dues of \$25.00 are due and was collected from some members. Please verify your contact information when you pay your dues.

Extension Agent Report, Carlos Valdez

The 2020 Los Alamos Master Garden class is full. The class is meeting on Tuesdays from 6-9 pm. Carlos will send out class schedule. There are 2 new instructors this year.

Demo Garden, Denise Garden

Orchard area: Carlos agreed to send in a soil sample for analysis from the orchard area. County will provide aged compost for the orchard as well as the moon garden. Bursage has been a problem in the orchard. Roundup does not work. Carlos suggested that there might be another herbicide that might produce better results than hand pulling.

Moon garden: county used their backhoe to take out plants east of the Arbor Entrance.

Garden Tours 2020, Christine Hipp

The 2020 Garden Tours will be Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 9 am to 1 pm. Please note Father's Day is the next day. There are currently four gardens to tour – Unitarian Church, Hans Bethe House, Cathleen Gersey/Rick Fullerton, and Beth Kniss). Sign-ups were available for docents and helpers. Publicity committee includes Doris Thielemann & Pallas Papin. Photo committee includes Marjorie Selden. Maps of all four locations will be at each house so visitors can start at the location of their choice. Make sure the 2020 Master Gardener class knows about this.

Hope Garden memorial plaques, Doris Thielemann

We ruled out having plaques on the ground because of the difficulty in reading. Plaques should be made of stainless steel (as the current ones) because it is the easiest to maintain. The fonts should be large enough for people to read while standing on the walkway. The signage would be at the eastern side of the Hope garden where it would not obscure Hope Garden plants yet have the Hope Garden in the background. The dimensions of the sign would be roughly 24 x 15 inches, no more than 24 inches from the ground. Initial thoughts were a sign board similar in structure and slant as the current Demo Garden signs, with an artistic design as background that can be slowly covered by the plaques. However, that idea was eliminated due to the cost of \$800. The committee met again and decided to continue to explore low-maintenance, yet attractive options. We are considering wood, metal, and stone. We did decide that the wording on the signage would be "Honoring Our Loved Ones". We are requesting a notional \$500 in the 2020 budget for the signage. We will present our final choices to the membership for approval. Ideas were given to this committee.

Science Fair, Coleen

Nine prizes totaling \$195.00 were awarded at the 2020 Los Alamos Science Fair. None of the Senior Division projects fell into the category of horticulture. Therefore, prizes were awarded to Junior Division and Elementary Division. [See attachment for prize details.](#)

Old Business

none

New Business

Exemption of Life Members from Active Member requirements was presented by Carolyn Mangeng. Specifically, we want to be able to honor our Life Members by exempting them from Active Member requirements as may be appropriate. The State Bylaws permit exemptions but we do not mention that in our Standing Rules so it appears our language may be in conflict with the Bylaws. Currently our Standing Rules read: Lifetime members are exempt from meeting the Active member requirements. **I would propose changing that last sentence to: "Lifetime members may be exempted from meeting Active Member requirements as permitted by the State ByLaws."** Members will discuss and vote on this proposal at March 5th meeting.

Upcoming Meetings/Programs (corrected this information)

March 5: Program - Jennifer Dann on Statewide inventory of Community Trees

April 2: Program - Jacqueline Fletcher on Biosecurity

Members present (19): Michelle Berkebile, Dena Brent, Shari Foley, Christine Hipp, John Huang, Kok-Heone McNaughton, Judy Magelssen, Carolyn Mangeng, Cas Mason, Coleen Meyer, Pallas Papin, Peggy Reneau, Vicki Ricketts, Doris Thielemann, Carlos Valdez, Laurie Walker, Bob Walker, Denise George, Marjorie Selden