

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Judy Magelssen
November 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Location: On-line via Zoom

Announcements:

1. **MC hours:** Send your hours to Carolyn. 15 volunteer hours, 10 educational hours. Educational hours can include attending LAMG meetings, LAMG programs, MG classes, research and/or reading books.
2. **Dues of \$25.00** are due to Laurie Walker. Please wait until January 2022 to send to Laurie at her home address. Also include any updated personal information i.e. phone number, email address, physical address.
3. **New Mexico MG classes will be online** this year – starts January 10th, ends April 29th. Format: Interns view video/readings for each module on their own time starting Saturday, Zoom Q&A session on Thursday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm, take a quiz on that module by midnight Friday. Current Master Gardens may attend these classes – signup as a Veteran (no quizzes). Cost \$200 for interns - \$100 to state, \$100 LAMG. Free for veterans.
4. **2021 MG class interns** did not receive any kind of graduation, certificates, etc. When we can meet in person, we will schedule something. There were about 12 students who completed the course.

Reports

5. **Minutes:** Coleen made a motion to accept minutes, Rosemarie seconded. October 7, 2021 minutes were approved.
6. **Treasurer Report:** Laurie Walker reported the balance \$7,404.94. Expenses: Orchard Garden - Mulch \$183.00 & Irrigation \$163.00, Moonlight Garden - \$324.00 for bench and \$666.00 for 100 plants.
7. **Election of Officers:** current slate of officers offered to continue and no one else volunteered to serve. Carolyn Mangeng – President, Dena Brent – Vice-President, Laurie Walker – Treasurer, Coleen Meyer and Judy Magelssen co-secretaries. Denise George made the motion to accept this slate of officers, Shari Foley 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
8. **Demo Garden:** Denise George
 - a. Water was turned off supposedly November 3, 2021.
 - b. Valve box in East Garden is flooded. Denise talked to LA county about this problem. Bob Walker contacted Brad King of Oasis. Bob and Laurie have sucked water out of the area and it fills back up. Water is off now, probably need to wait until water is turned back on to continue problem solving.
 - c. Signs – 3 old wooden frames in the orchard, shade and oasis gardens were replaced by metal sign. Angela and Denise are working on the inserts. 2 frames (for Moon garden and Emoji garden) remain in the casita. The county has agreed to help dig the holes and pour concrete for these. We need to purchase 4x4 redwood posts. We need above freezing night temperatures to install the signs.

The Rain Water Harvesting sign in memory of Mary Zemack is in final stages with Fossil Graphics. Denise has been in contact with Mary's daughter Dorothy about funding the sign. When Carlos asked for money for two signs he asked for a total of \$700 so when the quote for only one sign and its pedestal came to over \$12,000, there was much dismay.

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County will also help to install this sign.

- d. Gophers are all over the garden.
- e. Critter holes that are 6 inches high 3 inches wide: one behind the texture bed and another next to the Agastache bed. Denise will send information to PEEC for identification.
- f. Gramma Grass Circle: need to turn off water in this area because it is watering weeds and the grass is getting too tall.

9. Orchard Area (program)

- a. Weed barrier and mulch were spread except under plum tree.
- b. County has agreed to remove the plum tree – possibly this coming week.
- c. Mesh is around two existing trees.
- d. Pick peach trees – suggestion dwarf trees which get about 8 – 10 feet tall
 - i. Stark Brothers
 - ii. Order in Spring
 - iii. Peaches don't get big
 - iv. Plant 15 feet apart
 - v. Buy 4-6 trees
 - vi. Denise will ask for suggestions later
- e. Budget for Orchard Garden – weed barrier - \$372.50, mulch \$170.81 = \$583.05 was spent in 2021. Mulch \$179.80, 4 trees at \$65 each = \$260.00, wire mesh \$83.00, fence posts \$84.00 = \$427.00 for 2022 budget.
 - i. Laurie will put this in as a line item in 2022 Budget

10. Work Party November 5, 2021 at 9:00 am: placing 48 landscape blocks, etc.

11. Other Old Business:

- a. Laurie reported: No outstanding dues for 2021.
- b. No Christmas party.
- c. Christine will post the MG class on LAMG Facebook. KokHeong to her Facebook groups.
- d. Since we can watch the recorded MC Q&A zoom meetings, we will continue to meet at 7:00 pm on the 1st Thursday in February, March & April.

New Business:

- a. Facebook group: Pastor, Deb Worley, asking for help at WR Presbyterian garden. LAMG does not supply any labor, can offer advice.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next LAMG meeting – February 3, 2022: This meeting will be held remotely over Zoom.

LAMG Attendees: Coleen Meyer, Judy Magelssen, Dena Brent, Denise George, Carolyn Mangeng, Pallas Papin, Peggy Reneau, Nancy Nunnelle, Rosemarie Fredrickson, Kok-Heong McNaughton, Shari Foley, Betsy Comly, and Laurie & Bob Walker, Alison Grieggs, Beverly Cooper, Christine Hipp, Michelle Berkebile.