

**LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS**  
**Meeting Minutes taken by Coleen Meyer**  
**From meeting on March 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm**

**Location:** White Rock Public Library

**Old Business:**

1. Minutes: Janine corrected spelling of her name; Laurie motioned to approve; Barbara second. February minutes were approved.
2. The LA Science and Engineering Fair was Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Coleen reported the projects that received our awards (see attached), and thanked Judy, Dena, and Laurie for their co-judging. We have received 2 Thank You notes. It was suggested that in future years we try to send a blurb to the Daily Post announcing the LAMG award winners.

**Committee/Officer Reports:**

1. Extension Agent Report: Angela
  - a. There was a tree-pruning workshop at 1 o'clock today, and there will be a future program for roses and shrubs.
  - b. March 15<sup>th</sup> there will be the *2024 Annual Fruit Growers Workshop*. See Angela's Feb. 27 email for details.
  - c. There will be a *Learning to Live with Fire* webinar series starting March 19<sup>th</sup>. See Angela's March 4 email for details.
  - d. Angela is looking for someone to lead a Meet & Greet with the new interns.
  - e. Last call for nametags. Please coordinate with Angela.
  - f. Little Valley orders will have a restriction of < 5-gallon containers only because of the beetle infestation.
2. Treasurer's report: Laurie reported our account balance is \$8,591.54.
3. Demo Garden: Denise
  - a. There will be a work party on March 15 & 16, 9:00 to noon.
  - b. The County caused some damage to the garden along Central. Denise is following up with them on repairs.
  - c. See Denise's attached report.
4. WR Community Garden: Betsy
  - a. All is going well so far this year.
5. State Master Gardeners Conference: Janine
  - a. The team is meeting regularly.
  - b. There will be a total of nine information sessions, with all topics related to the theme "Planting for Our Future."
6. 2025 LAMGA Tour: Christine
  - a. The team is meeting.
  - b. They are looking for gardens. Janine gave Christine some suggestions.

**New Business:**

1. Budget: Laurie presented the 2024 budget (see attached). There will be some additional expenses as we make improvements to meet ADA compliance in the Sensory Garden and along the walking areas. Denise motioned to approve; Christine second. Budget was approved.

**Other Business – Coming soon:**

1. Little Valley Order - Laurie Hixson has agreed to lead this effort. More information to come.
2. We discussed the May graduation and meeting. Date TBD.
3. KokHeong gave a report on the Los Alamos Bee City initiative. (See her emails for individual details.)
  - a. Los Alamos is officially a Bee City. Signage to follow.

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- b. The team is holding monthly meetings. Publicity will be sent out in advance.
- c. The first official report is due February 2026.
- d. The committee will receive plants for distribution in the fall. Recipients are expected to save and return seeds.
- e. The County designated a 20k sq.ft. area between Bathtub Row, the BE Senior Center and the Extension office for planting a bee-friendly garden.
- f. Taos is also considering becoming designated a Bee City.

**Program:** We shared advice for starting plants from seed or cuttings, and answered related questions. Janine brought a variety of seed-starting materials, some of which she made available to members. KokHeong also brought seeds to share.

**LAMG Future Programs**

TBD.

**Next LAMG meeting**

Los Alamos, April 4, location TBD.

Meeting adjourned at about 7:55 pm.

**LAMG Attendees:** Peggy Bradberry, Dena Brent, Lee Builta, Betsy Comly, Ruth Doyle, Janine Fales, Denise George, Christine Hipp, Judy Hoffman, Carolyn Mangeng, Barbara Mann, Tammy Moore, KokHeong McNaughton, Coleen Meyer, Pallas Papin, Angela Prada, Vicki Ricketts, Susan Schauer, Laurie & Bob Walker.