

**CALUSA GARDEN CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2021– 10:00 a.m. by Zoom**

Call to Order: Quorum is 8 Committee Chairs PLUS 3 officers. There were 12 members present in the Zoom meeting, including 3 officers, so a quorum was reached. President Sara Wolf called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The February 1, 2021 Board Meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

Officer Reports

President: Sara Wolf

2021 FFGC Convention is April 11-13 at Hilton Oceanfront Resort, Daytona Beach. Register on FFGC website ffgc.org. Sara does not plan to go; if any member wants to go, the Club will pay your expenses. Dale will be our district director next year.

Ad for FFGC Convention Program. We normally purchase a small ad. This year's rates are \$35 for ¼ page. If OK, I will go ahead and send one featuring the Gardening Guide. **By consensus, the Board approved the advertisement with the addition of acknowledging that Dale DeFeo is our new District Director, along with information on the Gardening Guide.** Sara will finalize the ad and send it in.

Marco in Bloom Awards: Deadline for nominations is March 19, 2021. Let's have several nominees from our Calusa Garden Club! Your beautiful landscapes deserve to be recognized! The application is on the City of Marco Island web site.

First VP – Programs: Susan LaGrotta: Speakers for the March meeting will be our CGC members, speaking on the photos in "Calusa Garden Club Celebrates National Garden Week with Virtual Garden Tours" – our photos from June, 2020. Sara Wolf will be the master of ceremonies and each of the 14 club members whose gardens are shown will speak about their particular gardens.

Second VP – Membership: Susan Neustadt: 57 active members today and 12 associate members. No new applications.

Treasurer – Annette Kuhn; Assistant Treasurer Margie Bramel. Bank Balance is \$16,673.45. District dues have been paid along with the Chamber of Commerce dues and annual insurance payment.

Secretary: Laura Furlong, Secretary *pro tem*, and she will be official starting April 8, 2021. Welcome, Laura!

Corresponding Secretary: Cristina Leske. No report.

Committee Reports: Please give Sara written reports for the Monday, March 8 Member Meeting, and she will type them on the Agenda to be sent out before the March 8 meeting.

Awards- Dale DeFeo. No Report.

Blue Zones Project – Sharon Lewis. The Blue Zones “ribbon cutting” to publicize our Club becoming Blue Zones certified is today, March 1, at 2:00 p.m.

Butterfly Garden – Susan LaGrotta. Next work session Saturday, March 27. Butterfly release possible; still in the planning stages; problems with a large gathering due to Covid-19.

Email Blasts – Marianne Foley. No report.

Environment – Maria Lamb, Sue Oldershaw. Environmental Workshop at member meeting on March 8 by Maria Lamb on the topic *Environmental Hits and Misses for Marco Island for 2020*.

Facebook – Susan LaGrotta. Please send Susan photos of your gardens, flowers, houseplants, and interesting info for the CGC Facebook page.

Field Trips – Opi DeFalco. No report.

Finance – Annette Kuhn. No report.

Flowers in Public Places- Marianne Foley. Monique Doyle and Marianne Foley each donated a floral design to the Bargain Basket in early February, and Marsha Riss donated a floral design to the Bargain Basket this week. Marianne plans to donate a silk flower arrangement in March to see how that sells at the Bargain Basket.

Gadabouts – Sue Oldershaw. No trips during Covid-19 pandemic until a Covid-19 vaccine is widely available to the public in Florida.

Gardening Guide Marketing Committee – Linda Colombo. Proposal: To rent a booth to sell Gardening Guides at the Naples Garden Club Flower Show in March, 2022. \$200 booth rental is already on deposit – it was paid in 2020. Linda asked that members consider buying 5 to 10 Gardening Guides to keep on hand as gifts and hostess presents. We have 800 on hand.

Horticulture – Dale DeFeo. Report will be forthcoming for the March 8 Member Meeting.

Hospitality – Margie Bramel (+ Margy Bruckman, Monna Hormel, Joan Gracey). No hospitality needed due to not meeting in person.

Junior Gardeners – Donna Kay: Not meeting for 2020-2021.

Marco Town Center Garden Spaces – Sharon Lewis. Currently waiting for the construction to be completed. Sharon Lewis has reviewed the site with Sue Oldershaw and Elizabeth Haines Papagiannis and they have come up with suggestions on what will be planted.

Memorial Markers – Linda Colombo. No report.

Newsletter – Ami Ruiz: Due date for copy for the March newsletter is today, March 1.

Parliamentary Advisor – Dale DeFeo.

Publicity/Archives-- Sara Wolf (Maria Lamb also writes for *Coastal Breeze News*). Sara submitted an article on scholarships to the Marco Eagle and an article on Calusa Garden Club activities (including scholarships) to *Coastal Breeze News*. Maria Lamb published an article on orchids in the *Coastal Breeze News* gardening column, plus an article on the “Owl Prowl” volunteers that included Eva Schliesser, one of our Garden Club founders.

Scholarships and Camperships – Marianne Foley. Deadline for scholarship applications is February 28. Marianne reported that two applications have been received, with another possible application on its way.

Special Events – Kimberly Porter, Janice Engel. April 8, 2021 -- Spring Luncheon and Officer Installation will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in the Gathering Space in front of the sanctuary (on the canal side). Time will be from 10:30 to 2:00 and box lunches will be served with members paying the cost. Reservations due by April 1; price is \$15. Members should bring a lawn chair and wear masks.

Special Projects- Bonnie Colman. No report.

Technical Support – Need a volunteer. (Annette Kuhn, prior chair, is now our Treasurer.)

Ways and Means – Need an overall chair.

Member Luncheons -Need a new chair. Discontinue for 2020-2021?

Silent Auctions - Kathy Hershberger, Terri Pike. None are planned for 2020-2021.

Member Meeting Raffles – Linda Schwoeppe and Jenn Ferrier. Discontinue until in-person meetings.

Website- Linda Colombo. Sara and Linda have been discussing the website. When members cannot sign on to the Members Only section, it seems to be “operator error.” Discussions will continue on how to look at possible solutions so as not to rely on Website Chairperson for all password resets. Linda asked that everyone sign up with a name that Linda can recognize for the time being.

Workshops

Environment – Maria Lamb, Sue Oldershaw (1 workshop)
Floral Design -Lindy Kowalczyk (2 workshops on meeting days); plus 5 more scheduled
Floral Design workshops by Zoom presented by other designers or through online
tutorials.
Horticulture - Donna Kay (2 workshops).

Yearbook - Eva Kubinsky. No report.

Old Business

1. By-Laws Revision – not ready for presentation or voting. Sara Wolf, Opi DeFalco, Susan Neustadt, Linda Colombo. Dale DeFeo will review. Sara is scheduling a meeting for the week of March 8.
2. Work Group to Identify Plants at Marco Island Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary-
The group met on February 9 and 23. The group placed temporary markers identifying plants visible from the shell path. Andee Naccarato of the Naples chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society assisted on February 23.

New Business –

1. Issue of Limiting the Number of Associate Members. Linda Colombo. Discussion on how to handle associate members within the club. There is a current limit on active members (59). After discussion and several motions about how to limit the number of or the proportion of associate members, no motions were passed. The Board realized that we were short of a quorum due to several members having left the meeting. The issue will be referred to the By-Laws Revision Committee and also placed on the Agenda for the March 29 Board Meeting.
2. Request from community member to “adopt” maintenance of Veterans Memorial at Marco Island Cemetery. Sara Wolf. Sara will put this on the agenda for the March 29th meeting to review how CGC would be involved with a focus on design as opposed to maintenance. There was full discussion of the benefits and risks of taking on another maintenance project. Since some members left the meeting, there was no quorum, so the matter was tabled.
3. Booth at Naples Garden Club Flower Show in March 2022. Sara Wolf and Linda Colombo. As previously discussed under the President’s Report, Sara and Linda will plan for the booth for March 2022. The \$200 deposit will remain with Naples Botanical Garden.
4. Deadline for Member Dues. Annual dues of \$40 for active members and \$45 for associate members is April 1st. Send a check to Annette Kuhn to her home address. Members may include \$15 for the April meeting luncheon.
5. Installation of Officers in April. Sara is working on the installation ceremony for officers for the April 8th meeting.

6. Events for 2021-2022 Year. Planning for next year could include a Flower Show, a gardening expo/show, container garden sessions for the public, and a Home Tour Flower Show. Other suggestions included a plant sale and a home garden tour. Susan Neustadt asks the Board to begin thinking about our 2021-2022 calendar so we can decide what events to plan for the Club's next year.
7. Committee Chairs for 2021-2022. Susan Neustadt suggests that all committee chairmanships be called "open" and that we ask members to volunteer for the chairmanships. We would like to see some rotation of chairmanships among the members. Possible By-Law Revision Committee suggestion: term limits on committee chairs. This will be on the agenda for the 3/29/21 Board Meeting to encourage people to take on committee leadership.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Submitted by Laura Furlong, Acting Secretary

Approved by Sara Wolf, President, March 2, 2021.

NEXT MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Monday, March 8 at 10:00 a.m. – Member Meeting on Zoom

Monday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m. – Floral Design Workshop- Leaf Manipulation- Residents Beach. *Members, bring your own leaves!* At the suggestion of the members, Sara is reviewing the location and will notify members if we change to Mackle Park.

Monday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m. – CGC Board Meeting on Zoom

Thursday, April 8 at 10:30 a.m. Spring Luncheon and Officer Installation.

- Wesley United Methodist Church in the "Gathering Space" under the portico in front of the sanctuary (canal side of the building).
- \$15.00 charge per member
- Reservations due to Janice Engel by March 31.
- Bring your own lawn chair.
- Wear a mask.

Monday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. Joint Board Meeting – old and new officers and committee chairpersons. Zoom.

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March 8, 2021– 10:00 a.m. by Zoom**

Call to Order: Quorum is $\frac{1}{4}$ of active members. $57/4 = 14.25$ or 15 members. Thirty-two members were present on the Zoom meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Sara Wolf led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance,

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Member Meeting. **The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.**

Officer Reports

1. President: Sara Wolf

1. 2021 FFGC Convention is April 11-13 at Hilton Oceanfront Resort, Daytona Beach. Register on FFGC website ffgc.org. Sara does not plan to go; if any member wants to go, the Club will pay your expenses. Dale DeFeo will be our District IX director next year.

2. Ad for FFGC Convention Program. The Board authorized purchase of an ad in the FFGC Convention Program acknowledging that Dale DeFeo is our new District IX Director, along with information on our Gardening Guide. Sara will finalize the ad and send it in.

3. Marco in Bloom Awards: Deadline for nominations is March 19, 2021. Let's have several nominees from our Calusa Garden Club! Your beautiful landscapes deserve to be recognized! The application is on the City of Marco Island web site.

2. First VP – Programs: Susan LaGrotta: Speakers for today's meeting will be our CGC members, speaking on the photos in "Calusa Garden Club Celebrates National Garden Week with Virtual Garden Tours" – showing our photos from June, 2020.

3. Second VP – Membership: Susan Neustadt: 57 active members today and 12 associate members. No new applications.

4. Treasurer – Annette Kuhn; Assistant Treasurer Margie Bramel.

- Bank Balance is \$16,673.45. District dues have been paid along with the Chamber of Commerce dues and our annual insurance payment.
- **Deadline for Member Dues.** Annual dues of \$40 for active members and \$45 for associate members is April 1st. Send a check to Annette Kuhn, 160 Delbrook Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145.
- Members may add \$15 for the April meeting luncheon, making your totals \$55 for active members and \$60 for associate members.

5. Secretary: Laura Furlong, Secretary *pro tem*, and she will be official starting April 8, 2021. Welcome, Laura!
6. Corresponding Secretary: Cristina Leske. Cristina reported that she will send a Thank You note to Maria Lamb for her environmental awareness presentation today and a get well card to Lee Oldershaw, Sue Oldershaw's husband who had an emergency appendectomy.

Committee Reports:

- Blue Zones Project – Sharon Lewis.
- On March 1, 2021, at the Butterfly Garden, the Calusa Garden Club officially became a Recognized Blue Zones Organization. Chante Pemberton, Blue Zones Lead Organizer, and Sharon Lewis, Committee Chair, celebrated this distinguished honor with approximately 15 Calusa Garden members with a LIVE Feed on Facebook for all to view.
- Blue Zones T-shirts are offered to everyone in the garden club who want them. They are Men's sizes. Please let Sharon Lewis know at Lewissharon9503@gmail.com with your size. **Please RSVP to Sharon by 3/15/2021. She will bring them to the April 8 luncheon.**
 - Butterfly Garden – Susan LaGrotta. Next work session Saturday, March 27. Susan has learned that although she had recently been told by suppliers that they did not have butterflies available for purchase this year, she has been in contact with other suppliers who may be able to fill our request for a smaller number of butterflies. Susan will update us at a later date.
 - Environment – Maria Lamb, Sue Oldershaw.
 - Environmental Workshop today by Maria Lamb on the topic *Environmental Hits and Misses for Marco Island for 2020*.
 - Sue and Maria encourage you to contact Governor DeSantis and your Florida Representative and Florida State Senator to ask them to fully fund the clean water programs for Florida and the Everglades. The Florida Clean Water Act is SB 712. Both federal and state funds are used in programs to clean up our water.
 - Facebook – Susan LaGrotta. Please send Susan photos of your gardens, flowers, houseplants, and interesting info for the CGC Facebook page.
 - Flowers in Public Places- Marianne Foley. Monique Doyle and Marianne Foley each donated a floral design to the Bargain Basket in early February, and Marsha Riss donated a floral design to the Bargain Basket the last week of February. Marianne plans to donate a silk flower arrangement in March to see how that sells at the Bargain Basket.

- Gardening Guide Marketing Committee – Linda Colombo.
- The Board agreed to apply our \$200 paid in 2020 to Naples Botanical Garden to rent a booth at the Naples Garden Club Flower Show in March, 2022 in order to sell our CGC Gardening Guides.
- MEMBERS, please consider buying 5 to 10 Gardening Guides to keep on hand as gifts and hostess presents. The price is \$10 and we have 800 on hand. Please support your Calusa Garden Club!
 - Horticulture – Dale DeFeo. Report on orchid care will be sent by Eblast after the meeting.
 - Marco Town Center Garden Spaces – Sharon Lewis. The Marco Town Center Project is still under construction. Planting targeted to be in April. Sharon Lewis, committee chair, invited Sue Oldershaw and Liz Haines onsite for their input into the project last week. Committee members Eva Kubinsky and Monique Doyle will be going to Ft. Myers to look at sun-loving Bromeliads.
 - Memorial Markers – Linda Colombo. CGC has been asked to work with Marco Island Cemetery to replant and assist in maintenance of the Veterans Memorial at the Cemetery. The Board considered this request but could not vote on it because there was no quorum at the time it was presented. If you have an opinion on this matter, please contact Sara Wolf or Linda Colombo.
 - Newsletter – Ami Ruiz: Due date for copy for the April newsletter is Monday, April 5.
 - Publicity/Archives-- Sara Wolf (Maria Lamb also writes for *Coastal Breeze News*).
- Sara submitted an article on scholarships to the *Marco Eagle*
- Sara submitted an article on Calusa Garden Club activities (including scholarships) to *Coastal Breeze News*.
- Sara submitted an article on the March 1 CGC Blue Zones Ribbon Cutting to *Marco Eagle*.
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- Maria Lamb published an article on Amaryllis in the March 4 *Coastal Breeze News*.

- Scholarships and Camperships – Marianne Foley. Deadline for scholarship applications was February 28. Two applications have been received, with another possible application on its way.
- Special Events – Kimberly Porter, Janice Engel. April 8, 2021 -- Spring Luncheon and New Officer Installation will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in the Gathering Space in front of the sanctuary (on the canal side). Time: 10:30 to 2:00 and box lunches will be served at members' cost of \$15. Reservations including your meal choice are due by March 31 to Janice Engel at jengel13@aol.com or text 239.316.0074. Mail check for \$15 (or include in your dues check) to Annette Kuhn, 160 Delbrook Way, Marco Island FL 34145. Members should bring a lawn chair and wear masks. Flyer is attached to this Agenda.
- Ways and Means – Vacant -Need a chairperson. The Board discussed several potential projects for the 2021-2022 year: Plant Sale (November), Members' Home Garden Tour, Field Trip, Flower Show, Flower Show at Members' Homes. Contact Susan Neustadt with your input on what projects you would like to see CGC do in the 2021-2022 year.
- Website- Linda Colombo. Currently, when members cannot sign on to the Members Only section of our website, it seems to be "operator error." A website upgrade or redesign will fix this problem so that members can re-set their own passwords to log in. Until we make changes, Linda asked that everyone sign up with a name that Linda can recognize for the time being. Sara and Linda have been discussing the website and plan to meet with website vendors to discuss upgrades and updates.
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Old Business

- By-Laws Revision – not ready for presentation or voting. Sara Wolf, Opi DeFalco, Susan Neustadt, Linda Colombo. Dale DeFeo will review. Sara has scheduled the next meeting for March 10. Contact Sara if you have input for revisions to the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

New Business

- Marco Island Center for the Arts Time Capsule- They are having subject matter “competitions” to drive interest in articles for the Time Capsule. The topic for May is “What Grows Where You Are?” Photos, drawing, written descriptions of flowers, plant, trees, landscapes--- you can even send in seeds.
- Is there a volunteer to prepare a submission on behalf of Calusa Garden Club?

Submitted by Laura Furlong, Secretary *pro tem* March 24, 2021

Approved by Sara Wolf, March 26, 2021

NEXT MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- **Monday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.** – Floral Design Workshop- Leaf Manipulation- Location: Mackle Park, in the big field by the driveway, before you get to the building. Bring a lawn chair. There are 2 picnic tables and not enough seating for all. Wear your mask.
 - *Members, bring your own leaves!* Areca palm, other palm fronds, pandanus, papyrus, lirioppe, dieffenbachia, ti plant, wild ginger, shell ginger, Dracaena, corn plant, bird of paradise leaves, aspidistra, peace lily, snake plant (sansevieria) – whatever!
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 - Reservations due to Janice Engel by March 31
 - Bring your own lawn chair.
 - Wear a mask.
 - **SEE FLYER ATTACHED AS LAST PAGE OF THIS AGENDA!**
- **Monday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m.** Joint Board Meeting – old and new officers and committee chairpersons. Zoom.

Calusa Garden Club Spring Luncheon

THURSDAY APRIL 8, 2021 10:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH -under portico

BIG AL'S BOX LUNCH (sandwich, chips, potato salad, cookie)

BOTTLED WATER & ICED TEA provided or bring your own

PLEASE CHOOSE SANDWICH FROM MENU BELOW

Cold Hoagies & Wraps

Served with lettuce, tomato, onion, banana peppers, sweet peppers, pickles, blended olive oil & vinegar, salt, pepper & oregano

<i>Wraps Regular 6" Size Only</i>	6"
Classic Italian	6.40
<i>Ham, Capicola, Genoa Salami</i>	
Combo	6.90
<i>Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef</i>	
Genoa Salami	6.40
Ham & Turkey Breast	6.40
Ham	6.40
Turkey Breast	6.40
Roast Beef	7.85
Bologna	6.40
Tuna Fish (white albacore)	6.40
Chicken Salad -all white meat	6.40
Krab Salad	6.40
Egg Salad	6.40
Cheese Combo	6.40

Sandwiches

Your choice of Whole Wheat, White or Rye bread.
Your choice of Cheese Lettuce, Tomato, Onion

Roast Beef	7.85
B.L.T.	6.40
Bologna	6.40
Turkey Breast	6.40
Turkey Breast & Bacon	6.40
Ham	6.40
Genoa Salami	6.40
Chicken Salad	6.40
Krab Salad	6.40
Tuna Fish -albacore	6.40
Egg Salad	6.40
Corned Beef	7.85
Pastrami	7.85
Liverwurst	6.40

BRING A LAWN CHAIR

COST : \$15.00

MAIL CHECK TO ANNETTE KUHN 160 DELBROOK WAY, MARCO ISLAND, 34145

PLEASE RSVP by MARCH 31

JANICE ENGEL 239-316-0074 CALL/TEXT , JENGEL13@AOL.COM

CALUSA GARDEN CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2021

1. Call to Order: Quorum is 8 committee Chairs PLUS 3 officers. The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 10:25 with a quorum.
2. Approval of Minutes: March 1, 2021 Board Meeting. **Meeting minutes approved by consensus.**
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President – Sara Wolf
 1. Officer and Committee Chairmen Annual Reports Due April 8: Written reports for the activities of the last year are due at our last meeting on April 8. Send to Sara by Email or paper copy. If you didn't file a report last year, then please cover the 2 years of your chairmanship in the report.
 2. Kiwanis Club Presentation: Sara spoke at the Marco Island Kiwanis Club on Thursday, March 11. There were about 10 attendees at Speakeasy for the breakfast meeting. Sara showed photos and reviewed our purposes, meetings, and activities.
 3. 2021 FFGC Convention is April 11-13 at Hilton Oceanfront Resort, Daytona Beach. Register on FFGC website *ffgc.org*. Sara does not plan to go; if any member wants to go, the Club will pay your expenses.
 4. Ad for FFGC Convention Program. Sara purchased a ½ page color ad congratulating Dale DeFeo as our new District IX Director and featuring the *Gardening Guide*. Price was \$125.
 5. Election of New Officers. Sara forgot to ask the members to vote to elect our new officers at the Member Meeting of March 8. We will vote to accept the slate of officers at the meeting on April 8 prior to installing them at the same meeting.
 6. CGC to Host May District IX Meeting – by Zoom. Our incoming District IX Director, Dale DeFeo, has asked Calusa Garden Club to be the “host” club for the May District Meeting by Zoom. President Sara Wolf agreed. More information will be forthcoming.
 7. Thank You: Susan LaGrotta for revising and sending out two flyers, one for the Butterfly Garden and one for the Memorials and Markers on Marco Island.
 - b. First VP – Programs: Susan LaGrotta
 - c. Second VP – Membership: Susan Neustadt. 57 active members today and 12 associate members. Susan is working with Rick Kohnen, prospective member, to honor his request to donate two benches and trees in honor of his wife for the Butterfly Garden. **Motion approved to accept the report.**

- d. Treasurer – Annette Kuhn. Assistant Treasurer Margie Bramel. Bank Balance is \$17,950. On line Square is now set up to make payments for dues or luncheon fees in the future. Marianne sent out the link this week.
 - Dues of \$40 are due April 1. Members may add \$15 for the April 8 luncheon.
 - The Finance Committee meeting for Review will happen after April 30th after the year end reports are complete. The budget will be completed by the officers.
 - e. Secretary –Laura Furlong, Secretary *pro tem*.
 - f. Corresponding Secretary – Cristina Leske. Cristina sent thank you cards to speakers, Maria Lamb and to member Sue Oldershaw.
4. Committee Reports: Please give Sara written monthly reports for the Thursday, April 8 meeting. She reported that she will type them on the Agenda to be sent out before the April 8 member meeting.
- 4.1. Awards- Dale DeFeo
 - 4.2. Blue Zones Project – Sharon Lewis. Sharon will be bringing free Blue Zone t-shirts to the April membership meeting. Sharon will be adding items to the monthly agenda and the monthly newsletter about members working on gardens and well-being.
 - 4.3. Butterfly Garden – Susan LaGrotta. Next work session Saturday, April 30. Butterfly release possible; still in the planning stages; problems with a large gathering due to Covid-19. Susan is working with the City of Marco Island- Beautification Committee to get an accurate brochure.
 - 4.4. Email Blasts – Marianne Foley
 - 4.5. Environment – Maria Lamb, Sue Oldershaw.
 - 4.6. Facebook – Susan LaGrotta. Please send Susan photos of your gardens, flowers, houseplants, and interesting info for the CGC Facebook page.
 - 4.7. Field Trips – Opi DeFalco.
 - 4.8. Finance – Annette Kuhn.
 - 4.9. Flowers in Public Places- Marianne Foley. The Bargain Basket has sold all of the arrangements and they continue to donate vases.
 - 4.10. Flower Show – Connie Lowery.

- 4.11. Gadabouts – Sue Oldershaw. No trips during Covid-19 pandemic until a Covid-19 vaccine is widely available to the public in Florida.
- 4.12. Gardening Guide Marketing Committee – Linda Colombo.
- 4.13. Horticulture – Dale DeFeo.
- 4.14. Hospitality – Margie Bramel (+ Margy Bruckman, Monna Hormel, Joan Gracey). No hospitality needed due to not meeting in person.
- 4.15. Junior Gardeners – Donna Kay: Not meeting for 2020-2021.
- 4.16. Marco Town Center Garden Spaces – Sharon Lewis. Project waiting until construction is completed.
- 4.17. Memorial Markers – Linda Colombo. Linda will be setting up a field trip to view the local markers.
- 4.18. Newsletter – Ami Ruiz: Due date for copy for the April newsletter is Monday, April 5.
- 4.19. Parliamentary Advisor – Dale DeFeo
- 4.20. Publicity/Archives-- Sara Wolf (Maria Lamb also writes for *Coastal Breeze News*).
- 4.21. Scholarships and Camperships – Marianne Foley. There will be two college scholarships and the high school awardees date of honor will be forthcoming.
Motion to combine our customary \$1,000 scholarship amount with \$700 for our budgeted, but unused Campership amounts, for a result of \$1,350 for each of our two college scholarships was approved.
- 4.22. Special Events – Kimberly Porter, Janice Engel. April 8, 2021 -- Spring Luncheon and Officer Installation will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in the Gathering Space in front of the sanctuary (on the canal side). Time will be from 10:30 to 2:00 and box lunches will be served at the members' cost. Reservations due by April 1; price is \$15. Members should bring a lawn chair. There are 31 RSVP's as of today. Another e-blast will be sent out Wednesday this week to finalize any last reservations.
- 4.23. Special Projects- Bonnie Colman.
- 4.24. Technical Support – Need a volunteer. (Annette Kuhn, prior chair, is now our Treasurer). Need a new committee chair for this committee.
- 4.25. Ways and Means – Need an overall chair

- Member Luncheons -Need a new chair. None planned for this year.
- Silent Auctions - Kathy Hershberger, Terri Pike. None planned for this year.
- Member Meeting Raffles – Linda Schwoeppe and Jenn Ferrier. Discontinue until in-person meetings.

4.26. Website- Linda Colombo. An ad hoc committee on website improvement met with one vendor on Friday, March 26 for an information session. Other meetings will be scheduled. If you have suggestions for our website, please contact Linda Colombo, Sara Wolf, Eva Kubinsky or Sharon Lewis. The addition of Square on the website to take payments which will now be an option for dues, luncheons and Gardening Guides.

4.27. Workshops

- Environment – Maria Lamb, Sue Oldershaw (1 workshop)
- Floral Design -Lindy Kowalczyk (2 workshops on meeting days); plus 5 more scheduled Floral Design workshops by Zoom presented by other designers or through online tutorials.
- Horticulture - Donna Kay (2 workshops).

4.28. Yearbook - Eva Kubinsky.

5. Old Business

- a. Marco Island Center for the Arts Time Capsule. The May topic for submissions is “What Grows Where You Are?” Need a volunteer to make an entry for Calusa Garden Club for this worthwhile civic endeavor. Sara will take the lead on this and ask for assistance. Board members suggested adding these items to our CGC entry for the Time Capsule: Gardening Guide, ——. ——. ——. ——
- b. ByLaws Revision – not ready for presentation or voting. Sara Wolf, Opi DeFalco, Susan Neustadt, Linda Colombo. Dale DeFeo will review.
- c. Work Group to identify plants at Marco Island Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary. Met and identified plants and re-printed temporary markers. MINP had an “open house” on Saturday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m.
- d. Sue Oldershaw is planning future Gadabout outings once resuming in person events in October.
- e. Plant sale in November 2021 at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. Planning will begin this summer with Sara Wolf taking the lead.

6. New Business –

- a. Waiver of Attendance Requirements for Active Members 2020-2021. Sara Wolf. **Motion to waive the 2020-2021 attendance requirements for active members due to Health safety issues. Motion was approved.**
- b. Issue of Limiting the Number of Associate Members. Linda Colombo
Linda worked with a group to look at solutions. The consensus is to not make any changes at this time.
- c. Issue of Limiting the Terms of Committee Chairpersons. Sara Wolf
No changes were recommended at this time.
- d. Request from community member to “adopt” maintenance of Veterans’ Memorial at Marco Island Cemetery. Sara Wolf. See photos.
Motion made to replant the Veterans Memorial at the Marco Island Cemetery and consult on the plantings in the future with financing from the cemetery. Motion approved.
- e. Request from Marco Island Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary to sponsor, plant and maintain a pollinator garden in the Preserve. Linda Turner. Linda plans 3 “gardens:” a pollinator garden, a pioneer garden, and a native plant garden. The Board discussed this request and decided to table the matter until the next Board meeting, and asked Sara Wolf to gather more information.

7. Adjournment at 12:17 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary *pro tem* Laura Furlong— April 28, 2021

Approved: President Sara Wolf— May 1, 2021