

**CALUSA GARDEN CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND
BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2022**

1. Call to Order: Quorum is seven Committee Chairmen (or the Committee Chairman's designated substitute) PLUS three Officers.
 - a. Opi Delfaco*, Sara Wolf*, Susan Neustadt, Kimberly Porter, Marianne Foley*, Laura Furlong, Janice Engel*, Sharon Lewis*, Sue Oldershaw*, Margie Bramel, Nancy Adams*, Joan Husband, Donna Kaye*, Annette Kuhn, Linda Columbo*
Meeting called to order at 10:03
2. Approval of Minutes from January 10, 2022 Board Meeting and February 14, 2022, Board Meeting
 - a. **Approved January 10, 2022 Minutes**
 - b. **Approved February 14, 2022 Minutes with title change to "Informal meeting"**
3. Officer Reports
 - 3.1 President – Susan Neustadt
 - a. FFGC Convention April 12-14, 2022 Attendance
FROM STANDING RULES: "Registration and reasonable expenses shall be paid by the Club for the President or her representative plus one delegate to all District IX meetings, plus one of the following meetings per year: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region, or National Garden Club meetings." \$1,500 was budgeted for the trip.
Kimberly Porter and Sara Wolf will attend.
 - b. 2022 – 2023 Calendar – start planning now - Programs, Workshops, Gadabouts; Will we have a flower show?
Planning for next year will begin. Susan will ask the general membership meeting attendees for volunteers to plan the Flower Show. It was suggested that this be discussed at the April board meeting.
 - c. Trees & Reforestation Report to FFGC
Our club planted 25 trees in last year (3/1/21 to 2/28/22)
 - d. Cost of utilizing Church for workshops \$500 a day for 5 workshops
Five flower design classes were held at the church.
One horticultural class was held at the church.
Susan will ask the general membership to give feedback about the design and horticultural meetings.
This topic will be reviewed at the April board meeting to continue discussions on workshop ideas on attendance and timing.
 - 3.2 First VP – Programs – Kim Porter – April program coincides with the April 7 event
March meeting Andee Naccarato, President Native Plant Society
 - 3.3 Second VP – Monique Doyle – absent – 53 Active and 11 Associate members –
Joan Husband has donation box and will greet visitors today

Approval of Sharon Sutton's Application for Membership - Board voted to approve.

- 3.4 Treasurer – Annette Kuhn – February Cash Flow and YTD Spending
February Inflows: \$1,510.00
February Outflows: \$2,829.79
YTD Balance: \$13,315.37
- 3.5 Assistant Treasurer – Margie Bramel
- 3.6 Recording Secretary – Laura Furlong – thank you for taking minutes
- 3.7 Corresponding Secretary – Joan Husband - thank you for sending my emails
- 3.8 Parliamentary Procedure Advisor – Linda Colombo
4. Standing Committee Reports
 - 4.1 Awards -Opi DeFalco – NO REPORT
 - 4.2 Civic Beautification – Opi DeFalco – NO REPORT
 - 4.3 Communications – Nancy Adams – NO REPORT
 - 4.4 Community Education and Outreach – Donna Kay
Marianne Foley to reported on the Scholarships (total \$2,350) that will be given out. Two applicants have been chosen to receive the scholarships.
Discuss school gardens on next agenda.
 - 4.5 Member Enrichment – Sharon Lewis – report on workshops
Lindy and Marianne will be doing floral workshop on March 21st. Sign up will be done at the general meeting.
The horticultural workshop will be a trip to the Bromeliad Nursery with Linda Schwoeppe on March 21. Please e-mail Linda directly if you plan on attending.
Sue Oldershaw to report on Gadabouts March 18 Naples Garden Show. Sign up today at the general meeting. The April 13th Gadabouts will be a hydroponics workshop trip.
 - 4.6 Member Events – Janice Engel – Report on April Luncheon
April 7th 10:30 a.m. at the Marco Island Yacht Club. Reservation payments (\$45 for members) will be taken on Square (on line) or by check. Please see handouts at the tables for event details. This will be a year end celebration. (R.S.V.P. to Janice Engel {jengell13@aol.com} if attending by March 30).
Linda Colombo and Marianne Foley – report on the 40th Year Anniversary Celebration
November 2023 will be the 40th anniversary celebration. Marianne discussed doing a small garden at Leigh Plummer Park in honor of the Calusa Garden Club being active in our community for 40 years. This will be added to our next agenda.
 - 4.7 Ways and Means – Sara Wolf – information as shared at the general membership meeting.
 - a. March 18-19 Booth at Naples Garden Show
The club will have a table in the vendor tent to sell our gardening guides. If you volunteer, your admission will be free. Sara is looking for ideas to sell the gardening guides.
 - b. April 9th 8:30-12:30 and 1:15-5:15
Gardeners Paradise Home Garden Tour

Sara shared the promotional materials for the day. Please take the handouts and share with your friends and in the community. Guests will order tickets on line. There will be gardening demonstrations at each garden. The final stop will be the butterfly gardens. Sara is still looking for Drivers, writers for the program, assistance at the people's gardens and publicity of the event.

- c. Selling aprons to members as a fundraiser
Sara discussed the possibility of selling Calusa Garden Club aprons for fund raising. Sara also asked if members would be interested in Calusa Garden Club t-shirts.

New Business:

It was suggested to have a board meeting on April 4th. Susan Neustadt will follow up with details.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a..m.

NEXT MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- **Friday, March 18: 9:00 a.m. – Gadabouts to Naples Flower Show**
- **Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19: CGC Booth at Naples Flower Show at Naples Botanical Gardens**
- **Monday, March 21: 10:00 a.m. Floral Design Workshop, Church**
- **Monday, March 21: 1:00 p.m. Horticultural Workshop trip to Sundance Orchids in Ft. Myers**
- **Saturday, March 26: 8:30 a.m. Butterfly Garden Work Group**
- **Thursday, April 7: 10:30 a.m. April Spring Luncheon, MIYC**
- **Wednesday, April 13: 9:00 am – 4:00 p.m.: Gadabouts to Colusa Farms**

Signed: Susan Neustadt. President

Respectfully Submitted: Laura Furlong, Recording Secretary