

CGC Member Meeting minutes 2-13-23 Approved 3-13-23

Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023 – Rose Hall

- I. Call to Order 10:31 a.m.
- II. Silence Cell Phones
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Guests Present
 - A. Ellen Vanatto
 - B. Janet Altman
 - C. Liz Clancy
- V. Approval of General Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2023
 - A. **APPROVED: The January 9, 2023 General Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted**
- VI. Officer Reports
 - A. President – Susan Neustadt
 1. Slate of Officers for 2023 – 2025 Club Years
 - a. President Kimberly Porter
 - b. Vice President of Programs Nancy Adams
 - c. Vice President of Membership Joan Husband
 - d. Recording Secretary Debbie Kuhlman
 - e. Treasurer Margie Bramel
 - f. Assistant Treasurer Janet Watson
 - g. Corresponding Secretary Marianne Foley
 - i. New officers may attend the state FFGC meeting with the club handling the expenses. Please contact Susan Neustadt if interested.
 2. FFGC Matching Grant Application submitted for Leigh Plummer Park
 3. 40th Anniversary of CGC: Proclamation by City on March 20th at 5:30. Susan is encouraging all members to attend. There will be an article to be published in Marco Island Living Magazine regarding our 40th Anniversary.
 4. Marco Nature Night – Wednesday February 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Please arrive at 4:45 to set up if you're volunteering.
 - B. Second Vice President Membership Chair – Monique Doyle
 1. Induction of four new members
 - a) Carol Donegan
 - b) Christina Riha
 - c) Jeanette Doyle
 2. Monique has post cards to send to community members who have beautiful gardens.
 - C. Treasurer – Annette Kuhn
 1. January Monthly Report
 - a) Income \$341
 - b) Expenses \$1363.68
 - c) Total cash Flow -\$1022.68
 - d) Balance for YTD-\$12,852

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- e) YTD Income \$9929.3
- 2. Discontinuation of Post Office Box
 - a) All correspondence via mail will be addressed to President Elect Kimberly Porter
- D. Corresponding Secretary Joan Husband – Correspondence sent
- E. Civic Beautification: Marker Maintenance (work dates on website)– Linda Colombo
 - 1. Sandhill Marker
 - 2. Leigh Plummer Park Marker
 - 3. Blue Star Memorial needs to be repainted
 - 4. The 40th Anniversary for the club will be held at the November 2023 meeting. Linda Colombo would like 3 volunteers to help with the planning of the event.
 - 5. Arbor Day Tree
 - Cost Increase and cost to replace tree damaged by Hurricane Ian – Nanette Baumgardner
 - a) The budget in past years has been \$170 for the tree but the actual cost is \$400. Nanette is suggesting we increase the budget for next year to plant the arbor day tree.
- F. Correspondence Committee created to establish Web Site Policies and Guidelines – Eva Kubinsky and SaraWolf
 - 1. Be aware that you will be getting emails through the website.
- G. Ways and Means – Sara Wolf
 - 1. Feb 9 J.McLaughlin Shop for a Purpose-15% of all sales will go to the club
 - 2. Volunteers needed for March 17-18 Naples Garden Club Plant & Flower Show Booth see Nancy Adams.
 - 3. March 31 Home Garden Tour as a club fundraiser. There will be four homes on the tour and there will be emails going out about volunteer opportunities.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Leigh Plummer Park 40th Anniversary Bench approval from City
- B. Friends of Library request for CGC to maintain plantings. This is not something that the garden club is able to do.
- C. Earth Day Celebration – Susan LaGrotta
 - 1. Requested that the club have a table at the St. Marks Church for their Earth Day celebration on April 22, 2023-9-12:00 p.m.. Rhonda Gloodt and Susan La Grotta will be at our table. Other members are welcome.
- D. Floral Design Workshop 2/27/23 Tropical design at the library. Sign up on the website.
- E. Gadabouts-Sue Oldershaw
 - 1. Sue explained the field trips that happen once a month. The group car pools to the destinations. Upcoming is Saturday February 17th Gore Nature Preserve. Sign up on the website.
 - 2. March Gadabouts will be at the Naples Botanical Garden March 17th.
 - 3. April Butterfly garden.
- F. Jen Ferrier was approached by the local Noontime Rotary about purchasing plants and partnering with the Garden Club to plant the Cushing Marker. Jen will get Susan more information to get approval from the board.
- G. Pioneer Garden at the Marco Island Historical Society was originally designed by the garden club. Susan will send a letter to the museum to see if they are willing to maintain this garden.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned 11:21 a.m.

Approved: Susan Neustadt, President

Respectfully Submitted: Laura Furlong, Recording Secretary