

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

1. Call to Order: Quorum is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of active members ( $\frac{53}{4} = 13.25$  or 14 members)
  - a. Called to order 11:09 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2022 Meeting (attached)
  - a. Approved: The General Membership Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2022.
3. Officer Reports
  - 3.1 President – Susan Neustadt
    - a. FFGC Convention April 12-14, 2022, who would like to attend?  
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 budgeted  
Kimberly Porter Sara Wolf will attend.
    - b. Trees & Reforestation Report to FFGC - our club planted 25 trees
  - 3.2 First VP – Programs – Kim Porter – April programs coincides with April 7th event.  
Andee Naccarato-President of the Native Plant Society is today’s presenter.
  - 3.3 Second VP – Monique Doyle – absent – 53 Active and 11 Associate members –  
Joan Husband has donation box and will greet visitors today
  - 3.4 Treasurer – Annette Kuhn – February Cash Flow and YTD Spending  
Reminder to pay for your annual dues and April luncheon by check or by Square on line.  
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

Sara Wolf explained the approval of the new website development from last month which will update our Internet presence as well as accepting payments in the future.

**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 reported on the Scholarships (total \$2,350 being given to two students) that will be awarded in the near future.

- 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  
The April 7th Luncheon will begin at 10:30 with our meeting at the Marco Island Yacht Club. There will be a floral design that you can put together to take home with you that day. Bella Floral will help us to develop your own centerpiece that you may take home. This is complimentary to members and \$20 for guests. Art will be for sale at the event. The event will be a fun event. Look for the handouts with event details. 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 {[jengel13@aol.com](mailto:jengel13@aol.com)} if attending by March 30). Guests welcome.  
Linda Colombo and Marianne Foley – report on Anniversary Celebration  
Linda and Jean Schulz have been going through historical information. Research showed that our 40th celebration will be held in November 2023.  
Marianne Foley presented an idea to celebrate our 40th year with a small garden at the Leigh Plummer Park.
- 4.7 Ways and Means – Sara Wolf – report on:
- 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. A majority of members expressed interest.

Susan Neustadt asked if membership was interested in holding a flower show next year. Volunteers should contact Susan Neustadt.

Susan asked for member feedback on having the workshops on a different day or doing them back to the same day. The hand vote showed approximately an even split in the two ways of holding the workshops.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 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**

**Approved: Susan Neustadt, President**

**Respectfully Submitted: Laura Furlong, Recording Secretary**