

APPROVED November 13, 2023

**CALUSA GARDEN CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2023, 10:30 AM
New Life Community Church, Marco Island**

- 1) The business meeting called to order 10:42 am. Zoom call included.
- 2) Welcome and Gratitude, Kimberly Porter, President
- 3) Guests attending:
 - a) Valerie Aguis, Elaine Murphy, Elizabeth Lawrence, Charlotte Dailey, Holly Dixon and Patty Thomma
- 4) **Approved Minutes from April 13, 2023**, General Membership Meeting and Luncheon as amended. Sharon Sutton moved; Nancy Adams seconded.
- 5) Officer reports
 - a) President – Kimberly Porter
 - b) First VP & Program Chair – Nancy Adams
 - 12:30 Butterfly program by Donna Kay for 40th anniversary celebration
 - 1:30 drive to Butterfly Garden for tour by Rhonda Gloodt and Sue Oldershaw.
 - c) Second VP & Membership Chair – Joan Husband
 - **Approved – Replacement of Second VP & Membership Chair.** Kathy Stark was approved as replacement for Joan Husband who is moving out of state. Margie Bramel moved, Sharon Sutton seconded, all ayes.
 - Kelly Ponder was inducted as a new member. Susan Ridyard and Mary Dowsett were not in attendance and will be inducted at next General Membership meeting (Nov. 9).
 - October birthdays were celebrated including, Opi DeFalco, Marianne Foley, and Carol Donegan
 - d) Treasurer & Finance Chair – Margie Bramel gave Treasure report, with Janet Watson via Zoom
 - Treasurers report and 2023-2024 Budget was highlighted. Income and Expense for September reviewed and Bank Balance as of 9/29/2023 was \$18,246.84.
- 6) Committee Reports:
 - a) Civic Beautification
 - Leigh Plummer Park – Marianne Foley
 - Marco Island Academy (MIA) students worked in garden, will help ID plants in the future.
 - Eco Club students can help in other gardens too, see Kimberly.
 - 40th Anniversary and Bench Dedication – Marianne Foley
 - December 5th, 2023, Tuesday at 10:00 AM
 - Looking for plant donation for LPP (orchids)
 - Please wear CGC shirts if you have them. Order yours online as soon as possible.
 - Cookies needed, see Nancy Adams

- Butterfly Garden – Touring as part of today’s program (Rhonda Gloodt and Sue Oldershaw to conduct the tour)
- Florida Arbor Day – Nanette Baumgardner
 - 2 projects, along with Linda Ariel
 - (a) Arbor day, planting Satin Leaf tree, expected \$100 donation from FFGC
- Memorial Markers – Nanette Baumgardner
 - Will plan to rotate work group through the 3 markers on the island and immediately after the Leigh Plummer Park maintenance time.
- b) Communications and Technology – Sharon Sutton
 - **Wednesday 5:00 deadline for Friday newsletter.** Send all items to Kimberly Porter for approval.
- c) Community Education & Outreach
 - Library Projects – Opi DeFalco
 - December 14th, 2023 is the Friends of the Library Workshop
 - 20 people will be doing Christmas design, need 10 helpers for the activity.
 - Flowers in public places, bring extra materials to any design events for the weekly drop offs such as YMCA, Mackle Park
 - Quilt square for 100th anniversary being created by Jo-Ann Carroll. Deadline: 11/23/23.
- d) Member Enrichment
 - Floral Design Workshops - Lindy Kowalczyk (5 floral designs planned over the season)
 - October 23, at the library from 10:30-1:00. Vertical Spatial Design, bring container 2-3 feet high, with 2 holes. 10:00 for set up at library. Sharon will send instructions out.
 - November 20, at the library, Thanksgiving table arrangements, suggest oval containers and make 2, one for plant sale, one for self.
 - Also December 11, 2023 and January 29, and February 26, 2024
 - Gadabouts – Sue Oldershaw (and Jennifer Ferrier)
 - Oct 12 Stropharia Mushroom Farm (8 max)
 - Oct 28 Naples Yard & Garden Show (Saturday) – Sign-up sheet or online.
 - Nov 19, Koreshan State Park, Estero tour plus native plant sale
 - NEED \$10 paid at October General Meeting to pre-purchase tickets
 - Horticulture Workshops – Maureen McFarland (Sue Oldershaw)
 - Oct 26 A Butterfly Paradise, Tour of Rhonda Gloodt’s yard.
 - May add an afternoon session if over 8-10 for morning session.
 - Environmental Workshops – Maria Bachich (out ill, postponed)
- e) Member Events – Holiday Celebration - Kathy McNabb
 - Dec 7th, Thursday, Member Luncheon ‘An Old Fashioned Holiday’, 11:30-2:00 at Bistro Soleil, Separate invitation will be sent via email , dress from the 40’s
- f) Ways & Means – Sara Wolf (Jen Ferrier)
 - Online Store – Cristina Riha and Ellen Van Nagel
 - CGC Market is ready for members: We are selling collared polo shirts with embroidered CGC logo, v-neck tee shirts with screen-printed CGC logo, and pink and green aprons with embroidered CGC logo, in addition to our Gardening Guides. 48 minimum ordered V neck before print- currently have 18.
 - (a) Open to suggestions on items to offer on the website.

- (b) CGC Landscape Consulting (master gardeners) have been active, receiving donations, will also launch on website.
- Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale – Nancy Adams
 - November 21, 2023, Tuesday at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Fall fundraiser, everyone's help needed.
 - (a) Next Plant Sale planning meeting Friday October 20 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Rose Hall at the Library. Containers, growers pots, need beautiful lush plants- in 2 weeks will have pot exchange, Mackle park, no orchids needed, Charlette will cover- if any orchids to donate, take to LPP, Marianne Foley.
 - (b) Linda Colombo and Opi DeFalco, joint committee for herb planters and succulent and container plants, shooting for denser gardens priced around \$25, need 10 succulents, 20 container gardens – see Friday newsletter for details.
 - Naples Yard and Garden Show October 28-29, 2023
 - Sign Up sheet for 4 volunteers for Friday October 28 and 4 for Saturday October 29 to sell Gardening Guides and aprons publicize November 21 Plant Sale.
 - Meeting Raffles- Jen Ferrier
- g) Hospitality -Maura Kelley (Nancy Adams) sign-up sheet for monthly membership meeting. Bring food item one meeting per year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Youth Gardeners at Tommy Barfield – Kimberly Porter
 - October 6 Kimberly observed the activity. Teacher, Katie Bien does once per month from 8:25-9:05 during Club Time. They have 4 planter boxes.
 - Need 2 persons minimum, plus alternates, see sign-up sheet, Nov 3, Dec 8, Jan 19, Feb 23, April 19, May 17
- Marco Island Academy Environmental Club volunteers – Kimberly Porter
- Founders Garden Club of Sarasota Flower Talk, Flowers by Design November 9, 2023, at Sarasota Yacht Club. If interested, contact Kimberly Porter.

ADJOURNED 11:37 a.m.

Approved: Kimberly Porter, President October 22, 2023

Respectfully Submitted: Debbie Kuhlman, Recording Secretary