

APPROVED November 4th, 2024
CALUSA GARDEN CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 7th, 10:30 AM
Marco Island Public Library, Rose Hall

- 1) Meeting called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Nancy Adams (for Kimberly Porter)
- 2) No Quorum Established, 3 officers, 2 committee and 1 advisory council members present. Many persons unavailable due to Marco Island under a State of Emergency and voluntary evacuation from pending hurricane Milton.
- 3) Nancy Adams, 1st Vice President, thanked everyone for coming out with storm bearing down on the island.
- 4) **Approved Minutes of May 6, 2024, Board Meeting** – Debra Kuhlman, Recording Secretary. Minutes approved by consensus.
- 5) Officer reports
 - a) President – Nancy Adams for Kimberly Porter
 - i) Sharon Sutton resigned. We need a volunteer to replace Sharon Sutton as communication Secretary. Several members have been approached but declined to take on the position. Suggested to add to Friday newsletter.
 - b) First VP & Program Chair – Nancy Adams
 - i) October Member Meeting – Change in timing: Speaker begins at 11:00 a.m.
 - ii) Include in Friday newsletter the schedule: 10:00 AM Library opens, 10:30-11:00 AM business meeting, 11:00 AM program starts, 12:15 lunch and volunteer fair.
 - c) Second VP & Membership Chair –
 - i) Kathy Stark resigned. Janet Watson appointed as replacement. Need Board to ratify.
 - (1) Sue Oldershaw suggested we vote to ratify and accept Janet Watson as membership chair, Kathy McNabb seconded. Ratified. Note this would create a vacancy in assistant treasurer positions. All ayes. Passes. (assuming no quorum needed). **Update: Quorum needed, will revisit at November Board meeting.**
 - ii) 59 Active, 3 Honorary, 9 Associate Members
 - iii) Volunteer Fair and monthly sign ups at Member Meetings
 - (1) Understood there are no new members to induct at October General meeting. Will need to sign in any guests and members. Nancy Adams to check with Kimberly Porter if any prospectives expected)
 - d) Treasurer & Finance Chair – Margie Bramel – absent due to hurricane preparation.
 - e) Since not a quorum, suggested to send e-mail to board members, officers, committee chairs, board members soliciting any questions on budget. **Update: will revisit at November Board meeting.**
 - i) Budget presenting likely not able to be approved at October 14th Membership Meeting unless few questions -
 - ii) New storage facility and inventory – Kathy McNabb reported that all moved, and organized (Kathy, Margie Bramel, and Sara Wolf's efforts made it possible.) Also purchased two, \$68 sturdy shelves, organized and safe to retrieve items. Use totes

to cart back and forth as need items out of storage. Rizzi building, entrance around back.

- f) Corresponding Secretary – Marianne Foley
 - i) Thinking of you cards to Linda Turner, Sharon Sutton. Get well cards to Gary Riss, Claudia Bruni, Melinda Bruce, Rhonda Gloudt, Kimberly Porter, and Kathy Stark. Sorry for your loss Mindy and Roger Starr and Sara Wolf. Also a thank you to Linda Turner for donations of ornamental pineapples to be divided.
 - ii) Houses of Hope fund raiser concert on November 2nd, and they are looking for floral arrangements. Marianne Foley has 3 pink vases available. Looking for volunteers. Suggested to add to Friday Newsletter.
- g) Communications Secretary – Vacant

6) Committee Reports:

- a) Civic Beautification
 - i) Butterfly Garden 15th Anniversary – Susan LaGrotta absent, Nancy reported on: coming along but expected to be busy post hurricane, rededication, all welcome.
 - ii) If needed may do additional sign up after hurricane Milton.
 - iii) Leigh Plummer Park – Marianne Foley
 - (1) Invasive plants have been removed. Survived Helene.
- b) Communication and Technology
 - i) Publicity – Sara Wolf- absent, no report
- c) Member Enrichment
 - i) Gadabouts – Sue Oldershaw
 - (1) All gadabouts planned for the year, Jenn and Valerie will be at first General meeting with sign ups sheets. The first gadabouts is yard and garden show, that is on the website for registration. Saturday October 26th.
 - ii) Horticulture – Sue Oldershaw
 - (1) Janet Altman will attend the November meeting along with Marisa Iwicki will coordinate sign up for the 9 to 10 Master Gardener series at Collier County main library and then the final garden tour.
 - iii) Floral Design – Sue Oldershaw (for Lindy Kowalczyk)
 - (1) Lindy will have sign up sheet at meeting for first design at New Life Church.
 - iv) Environmental –
 - (1) Nancy Reynolds will give brief environmental report at General meeting
- d) Member Events
 - i) December Luncheon – Kathy McNabb
 - December 12, 2024 at LaTavola from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - Winter Garden Gala theme. Silver and white and shades of blue.
 - There will be a short program (15-20 minutes) as well as guest speaker.
 - 15 minutes, Audrina will reach out to master gardener, hopefully without need of AV equipment, budget has funds for something but keeping it short duration.
 - Invitation coming in next couple weeks both on website and via special email.

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- We will have 5 entrees to choose from. 2 salads, beet and goat, salmon topped, crispy chicken, Rueben, \$42 per person (tip tax, coffee tea, flourless desert)
 - We will have our traditional gift exchange.
- ii) Eco tots – Kathy McNabb
 - (1) first class last month 15 first and second graders, will see if next class is even held due to hurricane. Nancy suggested bring sign up sheet to fair or request an additional volunteer. Yvette Benarroch has helped but expected to get busy with her campaign.
- iii) Four Summer lunch get togethers were enjoyed – coordinated by Diane Chestnut and Audrina Flowers. Check calusa.org blog for summer photos!
- e) Ways & Means – Sara Wolf
 - i) Plant Sale Planning
 - (1) Ornamental pineapples – have many recently potted by Kathy McNabb, Nancy Adams, Pam Bodenheimer, Debbie Kuhlman and Donna Kay. Fred and Nancy moved to Nancy's garage during hurricane.
 - (2) Nancy Adams is heading up the garden plants section of the plant sale and ordered plant tags, 200 plant tags will be available at the November General meeting along with the recycle bags. The recycle bags can also be used at the plant sale. Suggested to make note in newsletter.

7) Previous Business:

- Marco Island Charter Middle School -help in the form of guidance, expertise. The principal, Margo Heidenreich, will handle the volunteers. Desires to start with a garden walkway and drought resistant plants. The students will be learning about native plants to the region and soil properties. They have a few garden boxes to grow herbs and they received another \$500 grant and will be working with the nursery on Marco for their help as well. Not clear what question being asked here.

8) New Business:

- Val Star Celebration of life
- Friday St Ann's catholic church, naples
- Friday October 25, at 11am
- Her husband, Roger Star, was very appreciative of CGC members throughout his wife's illness. Nancy Adams will likely go to represent Calusa Garden Club.
- Add to Friday newsletter and at General meeting – Veteran's Day library closed so second General meeting on November 18th.
- Question on whether articles appearing in Coastal Breeze or Marco Eagle regarding CCGC meetings and also the October speaker. Nancy believes articles should be appearing in both.
- Nancy has 100 of the recycle bags, suggested to use at plant sale for carrying plants at sale.

9) Adjournment at 11:21 a.m.

Upcoming Events

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- October 14th Member Meeting at Marco Island Library Rose Hall – Change in timing: Speaker begins at 11:00 a.m.
- October 19th Leigh Plummer Park Garden and Marker Maintenance at 9:00 a.m.
- October 23rd Butterfly Garden 15th Anniversary Celebration at 11:00 a.m.
- October 25th Valerie Ott Star, former CGC Member, Celebration of Life at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ann Catholic Church Naples
- October 26th Butterfly Garden work Group at 8:30 a.m.
- October 26th Gadabout - Naples Yard and Garden Show, UF/IFAS Extension Collier County
- October 28th Floral Design Workshop – New Life Community Church 9:00 a.m. to noon
- November 2nd Leigh Plummer Park Garden Maintenance at 9:00 a.m.
- November 4th Board Meeting, 10:30 AM at Marco Island Library Rose Hall
- November 18 – Member Meeting at Marco Island Library Rose Hall – Change in day due to Veteran’s Day
- December 12th Holiday Luncheon at LaTavola Restaurant

“It is so easy to give, so exquisitely rewarding.”
John Steinbeck