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**CALUSA GARDEN CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND**  
**BOARD MEETING Minutes**  
**April 7th, 2025 at 10:30 AM**  
**Marco Island Public Library, Rose Hall**

- 1) Meeting called to Order at 10:30 a.m., Kimberly Porter, President
- 2) Quorum Established, Recording Secretary, Debbie Kuhlman
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Welcome and Gratitude, Kimberly Porter, President
- 5) **Approved Minutes of March 3rd Board Meeting as amended** – Debbie Kuhlman
- 6) Officer reports
  - President – Kimberly Porter
    - i) All board members, including committee chairmen and officers, are requested to prepare their reports.
      - (1) Per incoming president, Linda Colombo, the Joint Board Meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Marco Island Public Library.
      - (2) Reports should include objectives, accomplishments and recommendations.
      - (3) Provide reports to Linda no later than the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
    - ii) Kimberly noted the two signed agreements, the matching funds for Pioneer Garden and thanked those involved. The two new agreements are:
      - 1) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Pioneer Garden with Collier County Museum Association and Marco Island Historical Society.
      - 2) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Maintenance of Leigh Plummer Park with the City of Marco Island.Discussion followed regarding importance of these documents which establish Calusa Garden Club members approval to work in these community owned spaces.
  - 10:55 a.m. Membership Chair, Janet Watson, arrived.
  - First VP & Program Chair – Nancy Adams – No report.
  - Second VP & Membership Chair – Janet Watson
    - i) Janet requested guidance for handling requirements to remain in good standing (i.e. attend 4 meetings) with the club.
      - (1) Janet will gather list of members, coordinate with new Membership Chair and bring to the May Joint BOD meeting. The BOD will evaluate and vote on a case by case basis.
    - ii) Heidi Vollmer will be initiated at April Luncheon.
  - Treasurer & Finance Chair – Margie Bramel
    - i) Financial Report for May 2024 – March 2025:
      - (1) Cash Flow - Income at \$15,367.47, Expenses of -\$17,660.19, equates to Net Cash Flow of -\$2,292.72. The treasurer noted that the negative cash flow will increase as pay ongoing expenses and hold no fund raiser until the fall.
      - (2) The Club's net income from Ways and Means and Donations (General) in 2024-2025 to support garden club objectives, was approximately \$5,000 less than projected, and adjustments are needed to our projected and actual expenses.
        - (a) Total Ways and Means Income \$6,039.18 plus General Donations of \$150 = \$6,189.18.

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- (b) Expenses: \$2,150.12 (Expenses, Stripe/Square fees, tax)
  - (c) Net Income: \$4,039.06. Net income was projected at approximately \$9,000.
  - (d) Therefore, net income is approximately \$4,000 less than projected.
  - ii) Donations Received:
    - (1) Jane Robinson donated \$150 for an orchid sprayer for LPP. Kimberly Porter donated a dock box (value \$50) for tool storage at the Butterfly Garden.
  - iii) Donations to Make:
    - (1) **Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board members approved to transfer \$500 from the donation line item to Pioneer Garden earmarked funds and to transfer \$2,000 to Scholarships.** This brings the total for 2024-2025 Scholarships to \$6,000.
  - iv) Dues:
    - (1) 2025-26 Dues collected as of March 31, 2025. Active membership: \$2,619.00, associates: \$283.00.
    - (2) **Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board members approved that the Calusa Garden Club make Virginia Reed an Honorary member based on her 36 years of membership and contributions to the Garden Club.**
  - v) A lengthy discussion occurred on Spring Luncheon meal income and expense as of April 6. No Board Action was taken.
  - vi) The Treasurer's report was ended by President Porter at noon to move on to the remaining topics.
  - Corresponding Secretary – Kimberly Porter reported for Marianne Foley
    - i) Get well cards were sent to Barbara Messner, Kimberly Porter, Rhonda Gloodt, Jerry Turner, and Connie Lowery; Thank you's to Jane Robinson and Tica Barrett, along with a sympathy card to Eric Jadaszewski.
    - ii) For Leigh Plummer Park, Marianne needs pantyhose and sticks for orchids.
  - Communications Secretary – vacant
- 7) Committee Reports:
- Civic Beautification
    - i) Butterfly Garden– Susan LaGrotta
      - (1) Kimberly donated and delivered a Dock Box for Calusa Park Garden tool storage.
    - ii) Leigh Plummer Park – Marianne Foley via e-mail
      - (1) LPP: Finally, we have a letter of agreement. We have added some new plants thanks to member donors.
  - Communication and Technology
    - i) Publicity report – Sara Wolf
      - (1) No notifications were needed as it's end of season.
      - (2) Susan LaGrotta encouraged everyone to send her any photos to be added to the website.
  - Community Education and Outreach – Marianne Foley
    - i) Eco Tots – Kathy McNabb
      - (1) April 11 is the next class. Members supplied seeds for it.
      - (2) April 16, CGC volunteers, Kathy McNabb, Susie Baker, and Barbara Perez will be treated to an appreciation breakfast with the kids.

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- (3) May 16 class is cleanup day.
- (4) Question regarding publishing photographs came up and per Sara Wolf, the FFGC website requires signed releases for any person in posted photographs.
- ii) Scholarships – Marianne Foley
  - (1) The Scholarship Committee will be meeting soon to select the recipient of our scholarship. We have 4 applicants.
- iii) Little Pink Houses of Hope – Marianne Foley per e-mail.
  - (1) The retreat is scheduled for the first week in June. Some members have already agreed to create designs. Last year members who would not be on Marco donated money. This complicated Margie's job. If members want to purchase a Publix gift card, they would gratefully be accepted. The survivors and families vacation for 1 week, expense free.
- Member Enrichment
  - i) Gadabouts – Sue Oldershaw
    - (1) Members, please send your ideas and suggestions for new Gadabouts locations within 2 hours of Marco Island that fit our goals of horticulture, environmental education or floral design to Sue Oldershaw and Jennifer Ferrier, preferably by the end of July.
    - (2) It has been a successful year. Large group attendance. Need to stress notifying organizer if unable to attend, otherwise organizer is making phone calls if no shows.
    - (3) Sue suggested viewing Lyle Bowman bromeliad video on YouTube.
- Member Events
  - i) Spring Luncheon – Kathy McNabb
- Ways & Means – Sara Wolf
  - i) Ways & Means report
    - (1) J McLaughlin fundraiser was carried out successfully by Valerie Aguis. \$434 raised plus planter and floral design raffle. Of note, the parameters of the fundraiser have changed; donated portion is 10% during the designated time (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.), unless notify at checkout. In prior years, the percent was 15% and over the full day.
- An e-mail will be forthcoming regarding the upcoming Joint Board Meeting. It is planned for May 5, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.. Bring lunch and your report.

### Previous Business:

- Centerpiece project for Marco Island Rotary- was tabled as the President left
- 12:21 President Porter left.
- Linda Colombo read Audrina's report regarding the Centerpiece project. Noted that the Calusa Garden Club is not responsible for the cost.

### New Business: (covered earlier under Presidents Report)

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Pioneer Garden with Collier County Museum Association and Marco Island Historical Society.
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Maintenance of Leigh Plummer Park with the City of Marco Island.

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The Meeting was Adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Approved: Kimberly Porter

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Kuhlman