

Calusa Garden Club
April 6, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 11:10 by Linda Colombo, President

Salute to Flag

Quorum established, Ann Sepe

Approval of March Meeting Minutes as corrected.

Board members in attendance: Linda Colombo, Val Aguis, Margie Bramel, Ann Sepe, Kimberly Porter, Claudia Bruni, Susan Neustad, Cathy McNabb, Barbar Perez, Maryanne Foley, Sara Wolf, Susan LaGrotta, Marisa Iwicki.

President's Report – Linda Colombo

Updated District information. Reported on Blue Starr markers. Lilly Court Discussion held regarding miscommunication.

1st VP – Marisa Iwicki

Marisa is contacting future potential speakers. October startup.

2nd VP -Val Reported on members Nancy and Obi becoming associate members. Motion made by Marge to accept in 2026-2027 year Obi and Nancy as associate, seconded by Linda. Motion approved.

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Treasurer Report Report

Margie Brambel - reported she has the spreadsheet. Margie requested members drop off materials to her not text her. Margie discussed Marco Nature Night, dues to federation, and proposed budget. Marge will have a budget committee. Chairs will suggest future budget needs. Marge made a motion that a category be created for Leadership Day with funds of \$260 being moved from Library Project. Sara seconded. Discussion held. Motion voted on and passed.

Corresponding Secretary

Kimberly Porter – sent 5 cards Kathy McNabb, Nancy Adams Marge Bramel, Barbara Messner, John & Brenda McGlabe

Civic Beautification

Sue LaGrotta reported on city providing some plants to replace those damaged. Sue thanked everyone who helped with Butterfly Garden and noted there continues to be work to do.

Communications and Tech

Sara Wolf - Regarding publicity Sara is current on information submitted regarding District IX, Coastal Breeze.

Community Ed and Outreach

Maryanne Foley and Bonnie Coleman reported on scholarship applicants. Discussion held on earmarked funds. Since there were so few applicants a motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Marissa to award 4 thousand to past applicants. Discussion held. Motion approved. Maryanne will research if they are still on same path they indicated on application.

Member Events

Spring Luncheon – Claudia Bruni reported she has 39 planning on attending. Doors open at 11:30. She will submit final details to restaurant. She and committee will meet to finalize details

Flower Show/Arts in Bloom – Sara Walf reported on March 30 workshop being a success. 28 designer.

Unfinished Business

Signage for Park is being updated.

Kathy McNabb has keys to storage unit. She will provide date and time to membership as to when they can meet up there.

Sara led a discussion on signage for park. She has researched size and price. Various ideas for what sign should read provided to board. Sara will prepare a proposal.

New Business

There will be a May board meeting

We will work on standing rules.

Sue reported on Nature Plant Month and would like members to submit pictures to her.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50.