

To: Ann Sepe

Corrections.

From: Sara Wolf

Calusa Garden Club
Board Meeting Minutes March 2, 2026

Meeting called to order by Linda Colombo President 11:00am

Quorum established

Marisa

Present: Linda Colombo, Ann Sepe, Susan Neustadt, Kim Porter, Sara Wolf, Marissa Iwicki, Kathy McNabb, Jen Ferrier, Valerie Agus, Marianne Foley, Brenda McGlade, Susan Ridyard, Claudia Bruni, Ellen van Nagel, Sue Oldershaw and Lindy Kowalczyk

Agus

Approval of board meeting minutes from February 2, 2016. Minutes filed as written

President's Report

Linda Colombo reported on standing rules being read at April meeting.

Receive 2 thank yous from Camp Wekiva and Audubon. Linda contacted Audubon regarding funds donated to be earmarked for owl program on Marco Island.

Reported on cost to refurbish the Blue Star, \$1,500 approx.

Lori Frederick yard sale had 4 attendees. \$303 raised which went to her nephew to help defray costs of yard clean up.

May District meeting in Punta Gorda May 7.

April 8-15 FFGC Convention. There are funds for two members to attend

1st VP Marisa Iwicki

Reported on upcoming program. She has a list of updated speakers for next season.

2nd VP Valerie Agus

Applications provided for approval of new members. Austine Frawley, Dina Leon, and Jessica Pura.

Motion made by Marissa Iwicki and seconded by Susan Neustadt to approve all applicants

Motion passed. Members to be inducted at March Membership meeting.

Treasurer's report – absent

Assistant Treasurer Report –

Board notified October thru April Tax forms filed.

Corresponding Secretary Kimberly Porter

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Sent to Linda Walker, and Gloria. Kimberly has all birthdays. Discussion held on recognizing birthdays at membership meeting and on Smoke Signals. Result? (not sending)

Roy Fredrick

Communications Secretary – Susan Neustadt

No report

Recording Secretary – Ann Sepe

No report

Civic Beautification – Marianne Foley

Reported on contact with city manager regarding landscaper damages. City suggested we put up signage. Sara Wolf will look into signage.

Communications and Tech – Susan Neustadt

Publicity ; Sara Wolf reported on publicity. Reported and presented schedule of Art in Bloom.

Art in Bloom.

Susan Ridyard reported Catholic Church may publicize in weekly bulletin. Sara sent ~~press~~ ^{lower case "p"} releases about scholarships

Community Outreach : Kathy McNabb

Kathy is all set for Nature Night. Has table ambassadors.

Sara Wolf brought up monies being allocated to Marco Nature Night for poster and flyers.

Motion; that we allocate \$50 for Nature Night. Susan Neustadt seconded. Motion passed. Monies to come from Programs and Speakers budget.

Eco Tots - Kathy McNabb reported on Leadership program to be held at the school. Discussion on funds from raffle for Leadership Program raffle donation.

^{meeting income}
Motion by Jen Ferrier for \$40 to be used for raffle at Leadership event. Kim seconded. Motion passed.
^{from programs expense June}

Member Enrichment - Marissa Iwicki

Horticulture; garden tour on March 23rd of 3 members gardens.

Floral Design Workshops : Lindy Kowalczyk reported on members registering. Next programs are 3rd and last Monday of March.

Member Events - vacant

Claudia Bruni reported on April 10 luncheon to be held at La Tavola restaurant. Flier was approved. Luncheon cost is \$40.

Ways and Means - vacant

Susan Ridyard reported on field trip and refund going toward a future field trip.

***** Discussion held. Marissa Iwicki made a motion to accept committee report. Susan seconded.

Meeting Raffles - Jen Ferrier Discussion held on raffle ideas.

Unfinished Business

Claudia Bruni reported on sponsorship program. Discussion held on ^{lower case} Tax deduction information for future sponsors. President thanked her for her efforts. Meeting to follow board meeting.

New Business

Marianna Houses of Hope
Maryanne Foley reported on Little Pink House Sign up. Flowers in public places ongoing program.

Upcoming event Art in Bloom, and Nature Night

Scholarship Art no applicants at this time. Cut off will be March 15th.

Claudia reported on Flower of the Month photo contest.

President led discussion on need for a May board meeting. Members agreed a May board meeting was necessary. It will be held the 2nd Monday in May at 11:00.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Ann Sepe

Recording Secretary.

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