

Calusa Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026

Meeting called to order by President, Linda Colombo 11:00am
Salute to the flag

Minutes of February 9, 2026. Filed as written.

President's Report – Linda Colombo

- Reported on Club donations to Marco Owl Watch and Camp Wekiva programs. Barbara Perez will take photos of members for directory or they can upload their own photos.
- Explained FFGC Convention of April 12th. If member wants to attend and report back club, club will fund reasonable expenses.
- Updated members on District IX May 7 meeting.
- Provided members with information on Treasurer Marge Bramel and asked for prayers for her. If anyone has expenses, they should mail them to Marge at this time.
- Reported on receiving thank you notes from Camp Wekiva and Audubon.

1st VP – Marisa Iwicki

Reported on today's program and survey.

2nd VP – Valerie Aguis

Introduced and installed new members, Austine ~~Brawley~~ ^{FUREY}, Dina Leon, and Jessica Furei

Treasurer's Report – Marge Bramel

Submitted and put on screen,

Corresponding Secretary – Kimberly Porter

Sent card to Marge Bramel.

Communications Secretary – Susan Neustadt

Reported on website. Change of luncheon information is on website.

Recording Secretary – Ann Sepe

No report

Civic Beautification – Marianne Foley

- Provided information on damages at Leigh Plumer Park and Butterfly Garden. City will re-reimburse for some plants at butterfly garden at Calusa Park. Debra Kuhlman updated on volunteers needed for butterfly garden replanting on March 20th.
- Monna Hormel submitted report on memorial markers. We will be refurbishing the Blue Star Marker soon.

Communications & Technology – Susan Neustadt – see above communication secretary

- Publicity - Sara Wolf: reported on press releases sent. Marco Nature night was a success. Many attendees stopped at Garden Club table. Ann Sepe was asked about number of attendees. Ann reported there were probably about 100 attendees and most stopped at Garden Club table.

Community Education and Outreach : Kathy McNabb

- Kathy reported on Leadership Day at Tunny Barfield School.
- Beautification Advisory Committee liaison - Linda Schzinger was not in attendance; however, Ann Sepe reported on Marco in Bloom.
- Campership – Liz Clancy has two candidates. They will go to Naples Zoo's camp.

- Flowers in Public Places – Marianne Foley reported on Little Pink House ^{OF HOPE} which is a national organization. There is a chapter in Marco Island.

Member Enrichment – Marisa Iwicki:

- Horticulture : reported on garden tour. There is a signup sheet. Date is March 23rd meetup time is 9:45.
- Floral workshops - There will be floral workshops March 17 and also before Art in Bloom. March 30.

Member Events – vacant

- Art in Bloom- Sara Wolf reported on Art in Bloom schedule. March 27 members will select their piece of art to interpret.
- ~~Flowers in Public Places – Marianne Foley reported on Little Pink House ^{OF HOPE} which is a national organization. There is a chapter in Marco Island. Members are asked to make a design for the homes.~~

Ways and Means – vacant

- Spring Luncheon - Claudia Bruni: Spring luncheon to be held on April 10th at La Tavola. She explained luncheon menu.
- Claudia also reported on Flower of the Month photo. Victoria Meyers was awarded best photo. It was on display on sign up table.
- Ellen Van Nagell gave information of products on our on-line store.

Unfinished Business:

President thanked hospitality committee – Liz and Deborah . Liz thanked all the contributors.

New Business

Members were reminded about today's program. Sara Wolf will moderate video.

Members were reminded of sign-up sheets.

Raffle tickets were drawn.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50

Ann Sepe, Recording Secretary