



CGC BOD Meeting Minutes 11/3/25

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Calusa Garden Club
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2025

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am.

Quorum established.

Please silence all cell phones.

Salute to the flag.

Approval of the October 6, 2025, minutes
With changes. See attachment 1.

President's report and announcements:

Linda Colombo welcomed everyone. She announced that Commissioner Rick Locastro was procuring a flag and more tables for use at the library in Rose Hall.

First Vice President: Diane Chestnut no report.

Second Vice President: Valerie Aguis reported

There were 3 new membership applications to review and approve. The board reviewed applications from:

-Laura Bowman

-Victoria Meyers

-Jacky Thompson

All 3 candidates were approved for membership. See attachments 2,3, & 4.

Treasure's report: Margie Bramel reviewed

5/1 to 10/31-2025 financials including all corrections previously sent to the BOD.

See attachments 5 & 6.

Assistant Treasure's report: Nancy Adams no report.

Corresponding Secretary's report: Kimberly

Porter sent 3 Get Well cards. One each to Barbara Messner, Donna Kay, and Dale DeFeo.

A thank you letter was sent to Watermark.

Communications Secretary: Susan Nuestadt

Requested that all officers and Committee Chairs register their attendance on the website.

Recording Secretary: Ann Sepe: No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Beautification: Gloria Fabijanic reported that one library tree marker had been finished with the assistance of Russ Columbo. The second marker is in progress and she would like to have a CGC group photo and press release sent out when the project is completed.

Communication and Technology: Susan Neustadt reported that Smoke Signals was great and thanked Barbara Perez for all of her hard work. Barbara Perez confirmed she needs to receive all information sooner.

Publicity: Sara Wolf reported on Pepper Ranch Articles in all papers.

Community Education and Outreach: Kathy McNabb *Does not need*
Ecotots: Kathy McNabb reported that Ecotots had planted Clay pots on October 24, 2025.
Committee needs more volunteers

Flowers in Public Places: No Report *4 placed*

Library Project: Diane Chestnut reported the library is taking RSVP's for 20 participants. She has a design and a committee.

Bonnie Sue Dee
Member Enrichment: Marisa Iwicki reported that the next horticultural workshop will be after the November 10th general meeting at Watermark. The program is on edible flowers and herbs and planting them in a raised bed at Watermark. *Jan Orchids - Nannette*

Floral Design: Sue Oldershaw gave a report for Lindy Kowalczyk. The next Workshop is on November 21, at 9:00am at New Life Church.

The committee will be making the Fall arrangements for the Plant Sale on November 22. Please bring extra containers, flowers, greenery, and dried materials to share.

Gadabouts: Sue Oldershaw reported that the next Gadabouts was November 13, 2025, at Bentley Village for a tour of their Butterfly Garden. Lunch will be at Blueberries. After lunch, there will be a tour at the Naples Airport

To learn about the Collier Mosquito Control District, founded in 1950. Please sign up on the website.

Member Events: chair vacant

Holiday Party : Margie Bramel and Liz Clancy reported that the buffet luncheon will be at the Players Club and Spa at 11:30 The Grand Lely Resort on Friday, December 12th, from 10:30am till 2:00pm. There will be \$5.00 Mimosas and bloody Marys. In ~~Levee~~ ^{Levee} of a gift exchange, there will be a gift donation suggested for children at Manatee Elementary School to give their parents at the MIPD event on December 16, 2025. The cost is \$38.00 by check. Credit card payment available on the website are \$39.50.
Flyer available on the website features complete menu.

Ways and Means-Diane Chestnut

Field trip: Susan Ridyard gave her report about the Fairchild Gardens Bus Trip on February 17, 2026. Please register on the website. Eleven space are now remaining. See attachment 7.

Meeting Raffles: Sue Oldershaw for Jennifer Ferrier reported that more plants are needed for next week's general meeting raffles.

Fall Festival and Plant Sale: Diane Chestnut and Rhonda Gloom presented a partial update. No decision was reached concerning the poster and the board's suggestions were not well received. The presenters left the meeting without consensus. No explanation or formal resignation was obtained from either presenter.

Special Watermark Project Update: no report

Old business:

Business cards were distributed by Linda Columbo.

Standing Rules Review Committee
will report at the January 5, 2026, BOD

New Business:

A written report about the District IX Meeting of October 21, 2025, by Sara Wolf and Kimberly Porter, attendees was given to Linda Columbo. A presentation will be given at the January 5, 2026, BOD meeting.

~~Respectfully Submitted,~~

Kimberly Porter
Corresponding Secretary