

Board Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2025, Pending Approval

Board Calusa Garden Club
Meeting 10.6.2025

Meeting called to order 11:00

Quorum established – Ann Sepe, Recording Secretary

Salute to Flag.

Approval of May 5, 2025, and September 15, 2025 Board meeting Minutes. May approved as corrected. September approved as corrected. Moved by Sara Wolf. Motion passed.

President's Report and announcements – Linda Colombo

Linda reminded sub committees to provide reports to their chairperson if unable to attend general meeting, and, to send information into Smoke Signals. Linda mentioned upcoming District IX events – if interested see Linda. President was contacted by BAC member that Home Depot is planting for the City and will have wagons that they would give away. Samantha Malloy will contact any updates.

First Vice President Report – Diane Chestnut

Diane provided updates on Watermark events, and also Calusa member programs. This month will be Rhonda Gloodt on Butterflies. November is Raised Beds presented by Marisa Iwicki at Watermark, December Holiday Party will be napkin folding, January will be leaf manipulation by Mary Raymond, Feb and March will be floral design videos.

Second Vice President Report - Valerie Aguis

Club has 72 members, 56 active, eight associate, four honorary, four applicants. There will be a vote held in November ~~on these~~. Updated format for Sponsors will be in Smoke Signals.

Treasurer Report – Marge Bramel

Financial review for August and September presented.

Assistant Treasurer – Nancy Adams Not presented

Corresponding Secretary – Kimberly Porter

One card sent. Kimberly checked in on a couple of members.

Communications Secretary – Susan Neustadt - No Report

President acknowledged that Susan is doing a great job

Recording Secretary – Ann Sepe- No report. .

Committee Reports

Civic Beautification – Marianne Foley updated Board on Memorial Markers, and Butterfly Garden for Susan LaGrotta. Information will be sent into Smoke Signals.

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Communications and Technology – Susan Neustadt – No report.

Barbara Perez – President commented that Barbara is doing an excellent job with Smoke Signals.

Publicity - Sara Wolf - Sara is working on plant sale and fall festival press releases. Sara has also updated newspapers calendar for monthly meeting times. President Colombo noted publicity is a difficult job and requires a lot of time and effort.

Community Education and Outreach – Kathy McNabb - reported on Eco Tots classes and plantings. Additional volunteers not needed at this time.

Flowers in Public Places – Marianne Foley- Susan Neustadt placed flowers at NCH urgent care

Plant Sale – Rhonda Gloodt - update on plant sale. Members asked to bring 5 plants.

Membership Enrichment – Marisa Iwicki absent – Horticulture report given by Jen Ferrier .

Gadabouts - Jen Ferrier and Sue Oldershaw – No report.

Member Events – Chair Vacant.

Margie Bramel updated on holiday party December 12 at Players Club Grand Lely. Cost for buffet lunch will be \$38.

Meeting Hospitality - Liz Clancy and Debra Kuhlman – no report.

Ways and means – Diane Chestnut. Provided details on Fall Festival and an update on Fairchild Gardens field trip. There are 18 spaces open. Diane reported on Watermark upcoming Programs.

Field Trip - Susan Ridyard - submitted a report on Fairchild.

Meeting Raffles – Jen Ferrier – No Report

Discussion held on Flower shows and orientation to prepare members. Sara Wolf will give a short video at upcoming general meetings to prepare members for future flower shows.

Unfinished business – none

New Business:

President led a discussion on business cards. Business cards will be for all members. This is a good way to get name out to community and invite to our meetings. President will contribute them.