

Calusa Garden Club Membership Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2025

Meeting Called to Order at 11:00am
Salute to Flag

Quorum reached, Ann Sepe, Secretary

Previous Minutes of April 17, 2025 meeting approved.

President's Report and Announcements – Linda Columbo

President thanked all who assisted with meeting. Reported on District Meeting October 29 in Winterhaven. See Linda if you are interested in attending. November Florida Federation of Garden Clubs program will be on Florida Panthers. This is a free program. Information can be found on website. Standing rules of by laws will be reviewed. Would like one more person to assist with that process.

First VP Programs Report – Diane Chestnut

Reported on upcoming member programs including Fall Festival. Requested volunteers for that day. Reported on planned Workshops.

Second VP Membership Report – Val Aguis

Reported 68 members, 56 active, 8 associate, 4 honorary.

Treasurer's Report – Margie Bramel

Reported on budget review for 2025-2026. Presented financial review for August and September. Motion made to approve Treasurer Report by Sara, seconded by Liz. Motion approved.

Assistant Treasurer – Nancy Adams - absent

Corresponding Secretary – Kimberly Porter

Reminded membership to notify her if anyone needs cards to be sent.

Communications Secretary – Susan Neustadt

Reported on website categories. Reminded members to let her know if they are having any problems receiving emails. Smoke Signals is up to date with information. President reminded members to read Smoke Signals which provides club events, etc. President reminded membership to check Event calendar.

Recording Secretary – Ann Sepe

No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Beautification - Marianne Foley

Gloria reported on Memorial Markers. New marker signs were viewed by members.

Communication and Technology – Susan Neustadt

Publicity - Sara Wolf reported she is working on publicity. Barbara Perez was thanked for articles she has submitted.

Community Education and Outreach – Kathy McNabb

Updated members on school program. Camperships – Liz Clancy. Liz updated members on Camp Wekiva. Last scholarships were in 2018. Flowers in Public Places – Marianne Foley reported on floral designs and local locations.

Member Enrichment – Marisa Iwicki – absent

Sue Obeshaw reported on Floral design workshops. Sara Wolf spoke on preparation for future Art in Bloom and Flower Show. Sara presented a tool box display for floral design.

Member Events – Chair Vacant

Holiday Party – Liz Clancy and Marge Bramel reported on December, 2025 event.

Meeting Hospitality. Liz Clancy and Debbie Kuhlman

They set up for meeting social. Linda Columbo thanked these ladies and added that per survey this is a new set up time for hospitality.

Ways and Means – Diane Chestnut

Diane reported the fall festival is a first for Calusa Garden Club. Some items needed such as coolers, silk flower heads, plastic bags, water bottles, and water jugs. Please see her if you can help supply these items. Field Trip – Susan Ridyard absent

Member registration is open on website.

Plant Sale – Rhonda Gloodt

Rhonda thanked members who assisted in planting items in pots. Plant sale is only a month away.

President reminded this event is our only fundraiser.

Special Project – Diane and all volunteers were thanked by President. Diane's activities are on Event Calendar.

Unfinished Business

Susan Lagrotta reported on Butterfly Garden. - CIVIC

Information presented on Controlled Burns. - MEMBER ENRICHMENT

New Business

Linda Scherzinger updated group on City Beautification Advisory Committee issues.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00

Ann Sepe, Secretary