

VillageWalk Garden Club Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 10, 2025 1:00 p.m.

Town Center, Hibiscus Room, 15291 Latitude Dr, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Jackie Fegan at 1:00 p.m.

Quorum: A quorum was reached with the following Executive Board officers in attendance: President, Jackie Fegan; 2nd VP, Bernice Anzures; Treasurer, Don Blackwell; Secretary, Patricia Krusac; New Executive Board members: President, Cheryl Gedris; 1st VP, Leslie Bischoff (with Jackie Fegan); 2nd VP, Val Shaha; Committee Chair: Eileen McDonough; (JB Schuetz was absent).

President's Report: Jackie discussed Minutes. They will be typed, sent to the Board members, and request additions/corrections within three days so the minutes can get on the website.

Secretary's Report: February minutes were approved to be posted.

Treasurer's Report: Don Blackwell distributed the monthly financial statement for February. Revenues were \$26,930 due to a generous donation; expenses were \$1,453 with an ending balance of \$246,021 with \$237,179 earmarked for the Butterfly Garden and \$8,842 for Discretionary Club purposes.

Budget for our next fiscal year will be presented for approval at the annual Meeting in April. We believe the End of FY2026 will continue with a healthy reserve. Storage Unit is a variable so Don will watch and pay in advance when the monthly rate is favorable. Pat motioned/Leslie seconded to accept the financial reports. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Programs (Jackie for JB): March speaker is on Microplastics (thanks to Anne Brownstone).

Membership (Eileen): Welcome letter was presented; minor edits were suggested. Motion by Pat to accept and authorize cost to mail these to new members including the Daisy flyer/second by Don. Motion passed. Emergency protocol will be shared with the board for email approval and Jackie will share with KW.

Communication (Bernice): This information is in regards to the Butterfly Fest - flyers have been updated; posters are up at PO and TC; Next Door posting by Cathy has had 786 views already. Alva GC and IslandWalk GC will be attending with 18 names already on the list. Deadline for names for admittance is March 24 at noon, sent to Jackie. Three directional signs (18"x24") are ready to be put up that Saturday. There is a need for one more banner for the kid's caterpillar rocks.

Newsletters will go out in April and May – deadline to submit is the 18th.

Butterfly Garden (Jackie for Linda): Updated excel spreadsheet and logistics has been shared with the board. Five key people will be on the phone tree. Discussion on cloth bags with VWGC imprint and our website was discussed. Pat and Eileen will look into costs which will be shared with the board for approval before ordering. (Since the meeting, this project has been postponed due to time constraints.)

Fundraising (Jackie): Sign up will be at next week's meeting regarding the Cook Book. We will also ask for volunteers for the Plant/Bake sale.

Sustainability (Jackie for Dolores): Littoral project starts soon. There will be 16 locations for plantings and three erosion areas that need amendment (Brightview has been contacted) prior to planting. Cheryl/Dolores will have a Littoral Banner and handouts explaining the project and the littoral shelf.

Hospitality (Cheryl/Pat for Nina): The Holiday Planning Committee will be meeting soon and discussing the possibility of providing desserts rather than asking for donations. We will get a copy of the contract to see what the requirements might be regarding BYO drinks.

Trips and Tours (Leslie): Jesse's Farm (January) was very worthwhile. They grow everything from lettuce to fruit trees and are willing to share cuttings. February was to Shangri-La with an interesting historic background from the Calusa to the celebrities who visited for health reasons. No trip in March due to the Butterfly Fest. April will be a Littoral tour at IslandWalk. The nominal fee of \$10 is a donation towards their gardens/projects. Lunch costs are the responsibility of the attendees. May is the plant exchange.

Horticulture a & Wildlife Education (Cheryl): Cheryl wrote a littoral zone article which will be on the website and in the newsletter. Jackie will see if KW would like us to finance two posters (Post Office and Town Center) explaining littorals to our residents.

Sunshine (Jackie for Kim): Cards were sent as needed.

Other Business: The New Board members will be presented next week. Their installation will be at the April General Meeting. Yearbook information is needed no later than mid-September so the yearbook can be printed. Some items will need to be "TBD" (to be determined) and "details to follow".

Adjourn: Don made a motion to adjourn at 2:07/seconded by Pat. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Krusac

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