

VillageWalk Garden Club Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2025 at 1:00 PM
Town Center, Hibiscus Room, 15291 Latitude Dr, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Gedris at 1:00 PM.

Quorum: A quorum was reached with the following Executive Board officers in attendance: President Cheryl Gedris; 1st VP Jackie Feegan; 2nd VP Val Shaha; Secretary LeeAnn Podruch; Past President Jackie Fegan; Committee Chairs Linda Musick, Dolores Damiano-Szafran, Eileen McDonough.

President's Report: Cheryl began with welcoming the new VWGC Executive Board.

Trifold Update: This is almost completed and once it is finalized, it will be sent to the Executive Board for review and approval.

Horticulture and Wildlife/Education Committee: Discussion as to whether this committee name and purpose be changed to the Education Committee. This will be addressed in the near future.

Date for Butterfly Fest: March 7, 2026.

Announcement at Membership Meeting: At the request and reminder by the VW HOA and KW Property Management, only club presidents will be the designated contact with VW HOA and KW Property Management. All communications with VW HOA or KW Property Management must come from Cheryl as VWGC President.

Secretary's Report: Val Shaha moved that the April 15, 2025 General Membership Meeting minutes be posted to the membership, Jackie seconded. Motion approved. Val will post those on the VWGC website.

Treasurer's Report: Don Blackwell did not attend however, prior to this meeting he sent the Treasurer's Report along with an explanation. These are attached to the Executive Board Minutes. Additionally, Don has supplied Carl Cappadona the VWGC financial statements, transaction file, and bank statement in order for Carl to conduct the yearly financial review for VWGC. Don and Carl anticipate the review will be completed by July.

Committee Reports:

Programs (Jackie): To date, four programs have been obtained for 2025-2026. By August, a list of the programs, the dates, and the contact information for the program providers will be presented.

Membership (Eileen): To date, 148 members have renewed for 2025 – 2026. Thirty-two members from 2024 – 2025 have not paid dues to renew. Eileen sent two emails to the thirty-two members who had not renewed their membership. Of those, six responded that they were renewing. The remaining members have not responded to Eileen's email.

Communication (Val): Val will send out an announcement regarding the May Meeting and Plant Exchange to the membership and also post the April 15 General Members Meeting minutes.

The photos from the Butterfly Fest and Plant Sale did not appear in the recent VW Newsletter. Val will request that they be placed in a later VW Newsletter.

Website: Val suggested that additional photos be added to the photo gallery of various events, activities, and members. Val also suggested that the current information on the website be updated to the 2025-2026 information and that flyers be updated for the 2026 January Plant/Bake Sale and 2026 Butterfly Fest. Other items to update the website were also discussed.

Butterfly Garden (Linda): No report.

Fundraising (Jackie): Jackie reported that the proposed VWGC Cookbook will not be a fundraising event but rather a fun project for the membership. Work has begun on the January Plant/Bake Sale.

Sustainability (Dolores): Dolores moved to proceed with designing a Littoral Poster with input from VW HOA (Randy). The Executive Board approved proceeding with this project.

The Executive Board also approved the Sustainability Committee's request to put together information on the sixteen proposed locations for the littoral plantings and place on the VWGC website.

Hospitality (Nina): Nina was not in attendance but had requested that there be a possible room change so that the December Party could include dancing. This will be looked into and reported on at a future date.

Trips and Tours (Linda): Linda reported that the budget for 2024 – 2025 for Trips and Tours was \$1500. Four trips and tours occurred during 2024 – 2025 with a cost of \$1254.

Other Business:

Eileen noted that the Yearbook and the Website are inconsistent with each other and questioned how that should be rectified. Cheryl offered to review both and report back to the Executive Board.

Dolores reported that JB suggested that the VWGC donate a tree for Arbor Day next year, observed in Florida on the third Friday in January. Perhaps the tree could be purchased by VWGC and displayed at the Plant Sale. The location of the planting of the proposed tree is to be determined.

Adjourned: 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Podruch

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