

VillageWalk Garden Club Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2025 1:00 PM ET

Via Zoom

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

Quorum: A quorum was reached with the following Executive Board officers in attendance: President, Cheryl Gedris; 1st VP, Val Shaha; 2nd VP, Jackie Fegan; Treasurer, Don Blackwell; Secretary, LeeAnn Podruch. Additional members present: Committee Chair, Trips and Tours, Linda Musick; and Lynn Lewis Rogers.

Secretary's Report: LeeAnn presented the Minutes from the VWGC EB November 6, 2025 Meeting. Don motioned, seconded by Val, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

President's Report: Cheryl requested that the EB vote to appoint Lynn Lewis Rogers as the Treasurer to complete the remaining term of Don Blackwell. The following motion was made:

The Village Walk Garden Club Executive Board elects Lynn Lewis to fill the unexpired term of the Treasurer, currently held by Don Blackwell, effective immediately.

Don made the motion, seconded by Val. Motion carried.

This appointment authorizes Lynn Lewis Rogers to be a signer on the Village Walk Garden Club bank accounts. After Lynn has been authorized by the bank as a signer on the VWGC account, Don Blackwell shall no longer have that authority.

Treasurer's Report: Don Blackwell had previously emailed the monthly financial statement for November. Revenues were \$4,131, expenses were \$4018 with an ending balance of \$246,839 with \$239,641 earmarked for the Butterfly Garden and \$7,198 for Discretionary Club purposes. Don suggested that a protocol for honorariums for members who speak at the VWGC meetings be established. The following motion was made: VWGC offers to pay an honorarium to guest speakers who are members of the VWGC with the stipulation that the honorarium be donated to a charitable or non-profit organization of the speaker's choice. Don made the motion, seconded by Val. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Communications (Val): See report under Fundraising.

Programs (Jackie):

Membership (Eileen): No report.

Butterfly Garden (Linda): No report.

Fundraising (Val and Jackie): Plans for the VWGC Plant and Bake Sale are proceeding on schedule. Posters and flyers are being printed. At the December Meeting, there will be a table provided for sign-up for bakers, and for those volunteering to work at the Plant and Bake Sale.

Sustainability (Dolores): No report.

Hospitality (Nina): No report.

Trips and Tours (Linda): Linda reported that plans are being finalized for future Trips and Tours. Linda suggested that the budget for Trips and Tours be re-visited for 2026 as costs have gone up. Don suggested that this be included in the 2026 budget discussion held in January. At the December Meeting, the Trips and Tours committee will be taking reservations for the January and February Trips and Tours. A reminder that Trips and Tours are a member benefit and members are offered the first opportunity to sign up, with guest sign up available only after the membership has had sufficient time for sign-up.

Other Business: Cheryl suggested that VWGC provide a thank you gift to Dawn for her services as Activities Director. The Board agreed and Cheryl will follow through on the suggestion.

Adjourn: Don made a motion to adjourn at 1:36 PM, seconded by Val. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Podruch

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