

VillageWalk Garden Club Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026 1:00 PM ET

Hibiscus Room 15291 Latitude Drive Bonita Springs, FL

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Gedris at 1:07 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 and Leslie Bischoff; Treasurer, Lynn Lewis; Secretary, LeeAnn Podruch. Additional members present: Linda Blaise, Eileen McDonough, Linda Musick, and JB Schuetz.

Secretary's Report: LeeAnn presented the Minutes from the VWGC EB December 1, 2025 Meeting. Val motioned, seconded by JB, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn had previously emailed the monthly financial statement for December. Revenues were \$2,197.73, expenses were \$5,415.88 with an ending balance of \$243,838 with \$239,650 earmarked for the Butterfly Garden and \$4,188 for Discretionary Club purposes. Val made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jackie seconded. Motion carried. Lynn also discussed the need for someone to be appointed to manage the Fidelity Fund. Discussion followed with Cheryl suggesting that she will follow up with this.

Committee Reports:

Communications (Val): Val reported that the January Meeting was now available for registration via Sign Up Genius. There were delays at Management with getting this posted to Sign Up Genius that Val hopes will not be an issue in the future.

Programs (Jackie and Leslie): The January Program is all set and will be a presentation by Jay Hebert, a VillageWalk resident with over thirty years of experience, on gardening for Snowbirds.

Fundraising/Plant and Bake Sale (Jackie, Val, Leslie): The Fundraising Committee met and plans for the upcoming Plant and Bake Sale are on target. Signage has been prepared, the plants are ready, and the focus will be on signing up volunteers at the January Meeting.

Butterfly Garden (Linda): Linda reported on recruitment and the Butterfly Gardens Festival. Recruitment of volunteers has been going well with several initiatives including a welcome gift for new VW residents and a presence at the weekly Farmer's Market. Plans for the Butterfly Gardens Festival in March are on target.

Sustainability (JB): JB updated the EB on the VW littoral project. The first planting has been accomplished and the second planting has been scheduled. JB will be following up with VW Management on several issues with the first planting. JB also discussed a future

initiative of the VWGC Sustainability Committee to focus on the Preserved Area designated in the VW planning process north of the fence along the Butterfly Gardens.

Trips and Tours (Linda): Linda reported that plans are finalized for the 2026 Trips and Tours. Linda suggested that the budget for Trips and Tours be increased by \$500 for 2026 as costs have gone up. Linda also noted that Rita Pignato and Eileen Rowell will be assuming the position of Co-chairs of Trips and Tours shortly due to Linda's upcoming move from VW.

Membership (Eileen): No report.

Hospitality (Nina): No report.

Sunshine (Kim Place, Karen DeMare): No report.

President's Report: Cheryl reported that she had purchased the Christmas gift for Dawn from the VWGC. Cheryl has appointed Barbara Salatto as Chair of the Nominations Committee. Cheryl noted that there was a request from Val for reimbursement for the shelving in the storage area. There was a consensus that the VWGC pay for the shelving (\$127.13) and a step stool. Cheryl also recommended that if any VWGC members are attending upcoming VW events, that they ask to announce the VWGC Plant and Bake Sale on January 24th.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn: Val made a motion to adjourn at 2:46 PM, seconded by Jackie. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Podruch

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