

## VillageWalk Garden Club Executive Board Minutes

March 9, 2026

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Gedris at 1:03 pm.

**Quorum:** A quorum was reached with the following Executive Board officers in attendance: President Cheryl Gedris, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Val Shaha, Treasurer Lynn Lewis, and Secretary LeeAnn Podruch via Zoom. Additional members present: Eileen McDonough (Membership) and JB Schuetz (Sustainability).

**Secretary's Report:** LeeAnn had previously sent out the minutes of the February 9th Executive Board meeting. Val made a motion, and JB seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lynn had previously emailed the monthly financials for February. Income was \$2312.19, expenses were \$2422.71 with an ending balance of \$245,859. \$237,163 was earmarked for the Butterfly Gardens and \$8696 for Discretionary Club purposes. Val made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and JB seconded. The motion passed.

### Committee Reports:

**Finance Committee:** Members of the Finance Committee met with Lynn on March 5th and 6th to help answer questions, review the current year's revenues and expenditures, and discuss the 2026-2027 operating plans. There was considerable discussion with a lot of questions still to be clarified. Cheryl will reach out to Don Blackwell, last year's Treasurer, to see if he can meet with Finance Committee members to explain how these funds were handled in the past. It was decided that another Finance meeting needs to be held before the new budget can be finalized and ready to present at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting.

**Communications (Val):** Val asked about the status of the Garden Club trifold brochure. Cheryl will contact Denis Blaise to get this project completed. There has been interest in creating a VWGC Facebook account. Cheryl relayed the history of having done this twice in the past. Both times the person setting it up did not leave accessibility instructions. It was decided to table a Facebook account at this time and continue to focus on our newsletter, website, and email account. It was also decided to hold off on creating a new VWGC logo at this time.

**Sustainability (JB):** JB mentioned that Arbor Day is April 24<sup>th</sup>. It has been suggested in the past that the Garden Club donate an appropriate tree to be planted in VillageWalk in honor of Arbor Day. JB will reach out to members of the HOA Board for approval.

**Hospitality:** Some Garden Club members have voiced the desire to move the Holiday Party to sometime in January or February when a much greater number of our members are in residence so they can attend. It could possibly be promoted as a Meet & Greet or a Welcome Back party. Cheryl will bring this up to Hospitality Chair Nina Iraggi and her committee.

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee consisted of Barb Salatto, Barb McGuire, LeeAnn Podruch, and Eileen McDonugh. They had a very difficult time finding people interested in serving on the 2026-2027 Executive Board. Sadly, Lynn handed in a letter of resignation as Treasurer of the VWGC at this meeting. Therefore, at this time our slate of candidates is:

President	-	Val Shaha
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Programs	-	OPEN
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP/Communications	-	OPEN
Secretary	-	LeeAnn Podruch
Treasurer	-	OPEN

Between now and the General Meeting on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Cheryl, Val, and Eileen will contact possible candidates for Treasurer, Programs, and Communications.

**Other Business:** None

**Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss, Val made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 pm. JB seconded the motion and it passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Shaha