

## VillageWalk Garden Club Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 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 1:05 PM ET.

**Quorum:** A quorum was reached with the following Executive Board officers in attendance: President, Cheryl Gedris; 2nd VP, Val Shaha; Treasurer, Lynn Lewis; Secretary, LeeAnn Podruch. Additional members present: Eileen McDonough, JB Schuetz, and Nina Irragi.

**Secretary's Report:** LeeAnn presented the Minutes from the VWGC EB March 9, 2026 Meeting. Val motioned, seconded by Lynn, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lynn had previously emailed the monthly financial statement for March. Revenues were \$9,736, expenses were \$16,179 with an ending balance of \$240,736 with \$231,197 earmarked for the Butterfly Garden and \$9,539 for Discretionary Club purposes. Val made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, LeeAnn seconded. Motion carried. Lynn presented the proposed 2026 – 2027 Budget. JB, Chair of the Sustainability Committee suggested that an additional amount of \$1000 be added to the Sustainability Committee 2026 – 2027 budget for purchasing a tree for Arbor Day April 2027. Val made the motion to add \$1000 to the Sustainability Committee Budget for a total of \$1700, LeeAnn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lynn then presented the revised budget with that correction. Val made the motion to accept the 2026 – 2027 VWGC Budget, seconded by LeeAnn. Motion carried. The 2026 – 2027 VWGC Budget will be presented to the membership at the April Meeting. Finally, Lynn made a motion to transfer \$15,000 from the Fidelity Account into the Fifth Third Bank checking account for necessary funding of budgeted VWGC activities over the summer and early fall months. Val seconded. Motion carried.

**Communications (Val):** Val met with the incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Cathy Japuntich, to transfer the Communication Committee information to her. Ed and Bernice Anzures also assisted as members of the Communications Committee.

**Programs (Jackie and Leslie):** No report.

**President's Report (Cheryl):** Cheryl provided us with the following updates:

Update on Treasurer's position: A request for applicants for a bookkeeper for the VWGC has been sent out. Cheryl also spoke with Carl about ways to streamline the VWGC Financial reports and Carl had several suggestions which will be considered moving forward.

Education and Horticulture Committee: Cheryl recommended that this committee be suspended at this time as other committees have taken over the responsibilities. Val made the motion to suspend this committee, Lynn seconded. Motion carried.

Butterfly Gardens Chair: Cheryl recommended to the EB that Kristi DiCecco and Amy Swanson be appointed Co-chairs of the Butterfly Gardens Committee. Val made the motion to approve Kristi and Amy as Co-Chairs of the Butterfly Gardens Committee, LeeAnn seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting with Head Gardeners: Cheryl reported that she and Val had a productive meeting with the Head Gardeners to discuss the 2026 -2027 Budget and handling of invoices and expenses for the gardens moving forward.

Note: The VWGC Executive Board will need to appoint a Fundraising Chairperson.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Butterfly Garden (Linda):** No report.

**Sustainability (JB):** JB reported that the Sustainability Committee had met to discuss the donation of a tree to the Village Walk Community in honor of Arbor Day, April 24, 2026. The Committee recommended that a “code-sized” Green Buttonwood tree be purchased and planted in the HOA approved site. The cost would be up to \$1500 for the tree and the installation. JB noted that an anonymous donor agreed to donate \$500 towards the project. A motion was made by Val to approve up to \$1000 for the purchase and installation of a Green Buttonwood tree. Motion seconded by LeeAnn. Motion carried.

**Trips and Tours (Rita):** No report.

**Membership (Eileen):** No report.

**Hospitality (Nina):** No report.

**Sunshine (Karen DeMare):** Karen had sent an email prior to the meeting requesting that an item be placed in the VWGC Newsletter requesting members to contact Karen if there was a member who could use a little “sunshine” with a card or note. The EB is in favor of Karen contacted Ed and Bernice to submit that information for the VWGC Newsletter.

**Other Business: None.**

**Adjourn:** Val made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 PM, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Podruch

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