

NAPLES GARDEN CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 31, 2011

Attendance: Melinda Earle, Kathleen Hawryluk, Liz Chehayl, Linda Brown, Lydia Galton, Arlette Bradley, Peggy Coniglio, Barbara Sampson, Fifi MacMahon, Beverly Metcalf, Margaret Blackburn, Arlene Cluff, Sondra Quinn, Ann Westerfield

President, Sondra Quinn, called the meeting to order.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Standing Rules were approved.

The Governance Committee, Lydia Galton chair, led a discussion of best practices. A strategic planning workshop has been scheduled for December 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

Arlene Cluff, Chair of the House and Garden Tour, announced that a leadership committee meeting is scheduled for Friday afternoon, November 4th at 1:00. Two more houses are needed, as well as additional members to join the committee.

The Financial Report was given by Treasurer, Peggy Blackburn and the Flower Show budget 2011-2012 was discussed.

Beverly Metcalf was nominated and elected Chair of the Nominating Committee. Arlette Bradley, Chair Membership Development, was selected to serve on the committee as per NGC Bylaws.

A recommendation was made by Peggy Blackburn to use \$40,000 of "excess funds" to prepay our pledges to the Naples Botanical Garden and Florida Gulf Coast University. A motion was made by Fifi MacMahon and seconded by Melinda Earle to approve Peggy's recommendation. The motion was approved.

Arlette Bradley, Membership Development Chair, discussed the new provisional application which is now on line. Beverly Metcalf, Ambassador's Committee Chair, gave an overview of the November Membership Meeting. The following groups will be recognized: past presidents, long standing members, present and past board members, flower show judges, past chairs of the House and Garden Tour, past chairs of the Naples Flower Show, design workshop and horticulture instructors, all who have worked on the House and Garden Tour, all who have worked on the Naples Flower Show, provisionals, and guests.

Sondra Quinn provided an overview of the November 7th membership meeting. Kathleen Hawryluk proposed that the meeting fee be waived for any care giver who may attend the November 7th meeting. The motion was seconded by Melinda Earle and was approved by the Board.

Sondra Quinn presented a current donation requests and stressed the need for a donation request policy. The Community Involvement will draft a donation request policy to be presented for approval at the next Board meeting.

District Nine's request to have Naples Garden Club host a 2012 or 2013 Fall meeting was tabled until the next Board meeting.

A request to help support District Nine's convention was tabled.

Lydia Galton will schedule an information session with committee chairs.

A strategic planning workshop is scheduled for December 2nd at 9 am.

The next Board Meeting will be held November 28th.

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Westerfield