



**NAPLES GARDEN CLUB**  
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**Naples Garden Club  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
December 1, 2015**

Attendance: Roberta Ross, Sandy Lasch, Linda Brown, Mary Beth Johns, Mary Raymond, Jean Lemmon, Pat McNamara, Jane Stone, Kathleen Maier, Arlette Bradley, Pat Fosberg, Beverly Metcalf, Renee Lewis, Lydia Galton, Raynelle Perkins, Candi Child Kelley, Arlene Cluff and Sudie Minamyner. Excused absence: Janet Donald.

Roberta Ross, President, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

A MOTION: Motion to accept Consent Agenda was made by Roberta Ross and seconded by Pat McNamara. It was approved with two exceptions and a report removal: a typo be corrected and two sentences referring to Dues Task Force that was misspoken, along with the Past Presidents' Council Report removed from the Consent Agenda, as it referred to new business to be discussed.

Roberta distributed two previous copies of Strategic Objectives and reminded us that we need to start to finalize our objectives during our next couple of Board meetings. Although not yet approved by the Board, she asked that they be always kept in mind during discussions. Members were reminded that they must work together in solving problems of the club and not just focus on their own area of responsibility.

Treasurer Pat McNamara presented a recap of October revenue and expenses and noted that the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities is posted on the website.

Linda LaRue Brown, Governance Chair, asked for Board feedback about how to better obtain homes for the H&GT to help alleviate the problem of filling this chairmanship in the future. The goal is to have both a chair and chair-elect. Having houses under contract a year ahead would help a potential new chair to accept the position.

Lydia Galton expressed the concern of the Past Presidents' Council that too great an emphasis on fundraising in the club and detracts from our mission. More attention should be paid to horticulture, design, the environment and community involvement. Discussion followed on the relationship between the clubs' fund raising and its' ability to carry out the mission of funding educational and community projects. There was agreement that fundraising was important but that other aspects of the club's work must be emphasized.

The Council also suggests that the Bylaws be changed from VP Fundraising Events to VP House and Garden Tour as a demonstration of the changed emphasis.

A Motion was made that: The title VP Fundraising Events Chair be changed to VP House & Garden Tour Chair. The motion was approved and will be presented for a vote to the membership for a Bylaws change in April.

Past Presidents' Council suggests that 10% of HG&T proceeds be dedicated to scholarships. This was deferred to the Endowment Task Force, that is already in place, to make a recommendation back to the Board.

Mary Beth Johns discussed the current challenge of needing a replacement house for the 2016 H&GT and the possibility that a second owner could withdraw as the owner's husband is very ill. Although great efforts to find a replacement are underway, suggestions will be sought from members. Mary Beth also suggested that getting houses outside the usual areas in the future as a way of increasing number of potential owners to contact.

Sudie Minamyler, Education Chair, requested that more emphasis be placed on the club's educational programs. She will prepare a power point presentation of all the educational offerings to be shown as a Power Point Presentation just before and during the business portion of our GM meetings. She also encouraged attendance at the Butterfly World trip on March 2, 2016 which will also stop at the Living Color Garden Center.

Sandy Lasch announced that the Camp Wekiva Scholarship Program has been formalized. Program details and critical dates are available upon request.

Jane Stone reminded members of the December 4 firm deadline for Trowel Prints submissions to Rosanne Werges.

Candi Childs Kelley, eCommittee Chair, requested that volunteers for event registration have the necessary computer skills to monitor registrations. Linda Brown suggested identifying an IT person to assist members in need of developing computer skills. Jean Lemmon asked that level of computer skills required be placed on all job descriptions.

Flower Show Chair Mary Raymond announced that the drawing for the 2016 Members Challenge Class will be held at the December GM meeting along with distribution of packets of Nasturtium seeds. The plants have been donated by Driftwood will be distributed in January.

Arlette Bradley, Facilities & Operations Chair, asked that Board members place their materials in their own file whenever possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on December 21, 2015 with the General Meeting on January 4, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Lemmon  
Secretary  
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