



NAPLES GARDEN CLUB

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Naples Garden Club General Membership Meeting March 7, 2016 Buehler Auditorium

President Roberta Ross called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., welcoming members, Provisionals and guests. She requested those who had not signed in at the **Registration Desk** to sign the circulating sheet and reminded all to kindly remember to turn off all cell phones. She announced a **Special Raffle** consisting of 3 pairs of donated NBG entry tickets, along with a beautiful orchid plant, that would be held at the end of the program. She then officiated as a Crowd Control Officer and made the safety announcements.

Chaplain Susan Kinkead gave an inspiring Invocation and led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Hospitality Chair Pat Fosberg invited attendees to enjoy the refreshments on the table during the meeting and program and introduced her Committee led by Head Hostess Carol McMenemy and committee of: Jane Gregory, Judy Spann, Susie Estabrook and Susan Schreiber.

The Cyber Drawing, a beautiful potato vine donated by Mike and Jacquie Malloy, was won by Diane Cooley.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February I, 2016 meeting was made by Arlette Bradley and seconded by Carol McMenemy.

Assistant Treasurer Janet Donald announced that March is the beginning of Membership Renewals. As a 'Special Incentive' there will be a drawing from names of members who have paid their dues by March 31, 2016. The prize is reimbursement of that member's full year's dues. Fifty-five members have already paid their dues and checks were being accepted after the meeting. All dues must be paid by April 30, 2016.

Linda LaRue Brown, Governance Chair, introduced the proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for 2016-2017. They are as follows:

Development Chair – Lydia Galton

Education Chair – Susie Gascoigne

Flower Show Chair, Elect – Sally Lutz

Fundraising Chair Elect (H> Chair Elect) – Ann Howat

Membership Chair – Diane Friscaro

President Elect – Sudie Minamyer

Program Chair – Greer Underwood

Secretary – Gail Duke

VP Fundraising Chair (H> Chair) – Sharon Hildebrandt

None Vote Approval Required

Past President's Council Representative – June Kroeschell (Selected by the PPC)
Governance Committee Members at Large (Chosen by Nominating Committee)

Gail Pica

Mary Pulick

Dusti Beaubien

Judy Spann

Mary Beth Johns, Fundraising Events Chair of the hugely successful 2016 H> was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Roberta Ross in appreciation of her fine work. Mary Beth recognized her committee and expressed gratitude to the many NGC members, NBG staff and the Palmetto Ridge JROTC, all of whom combined to provide a H> that far exceeded her expectations. She felt privileged to announce that the total net revenues exceed \$150,000, including over \$15,000 net proceeds brought in by the Raffle. These proceeds will make it possible to distribute over \$100,000 in Grants next year.

Grants Chair and President Elect Sandy Lasch announced the grant recipients for 2016-2017. They are Camp Wekiva camp scholarships for selected Avalon Global Garden School students, ECHO for partial support of a Community Garden Intern, Friends of Foster Care supporting a high school school intern at NBG, FGCU scholarship support in 2016-2017, Habitat for Humanity for Liberty Landing beautification (Immokalee), NBG for continuing support of three interns (per MOU), JFCS for field trips and garden projects for seniors, NBG to support 15 NBG attendees at the American Public Gardens Association National Conference in Miami, Naples Zoo to revitalize the Butterfly Garden and Youth Haven to create an “Edible Campus and Learning Garden” for at-risk youth living there. These grants total \$93,000.

Membership Chair Bev Metcalf reported that membership application began online March 1, 2016 and will conclude March 31, 2016. A class of twenty will be accepted; some applications have been received. NGC currently has 193 active members, 18 Provisionals and 13 sustaining members.

Education Chair Sudie Minamyer reported a great year. The next design workshop is tomorrow's “You're Almost There” followed on March 30, 2016 by “Good bugs, Bad Bugs”, a presentation on beneficial bugs in Naples and how to control pests. She thanked chairs of all this season's programs.

Renee Lewis, filling in for Naples Flower Show Chair Mary Raymond, announced a short list of needs in design and two clerk positions. Horticulture Chair Jackie Frodsham has entry cards available. It was emphasized that the time frames noted in the schedule will be strictly followed. Members are asked to contact Lindsey Clark if entering heavy items and collections.

Members who have not already registered for the Preview Party are asked to do so online. A sheet was circulated seeking volunteers to assist with tear-down on Saturday at 5 p.m.

2016 NGC scholarship recipient Taylor Harris gave an interesting presentation of his work with Nick Ewy in propagating new species of orchids. He passed around three containers showing how orchids are propagated right from their teeny-tiny start in a Petri-dish.

Raynelle Perkins, Programs Chair, introduced Chris Gilbert, Master Gardener, who gave an interesting and informative power-point presentation, "Landscaping in Small Spaces". Chris provided a well-organized handout listing 8 Tips to Remember and a plant list coordinated with his slides. The presentation included many slides of gardens belonging to Linda LaRue Brown, Roberta Ross, Kris Morgan and Jacquie and Mike Malloy's and other non-members to demonstrate each Tip to Remember.

Following the program, the Raffle drawing was held. Winners were, Susan Schreiber (both the orchid and a pair of NBG entry tickets!) Gail Duke's guest, Trisha Smith and another NGC member.

Attendance: 101 Active members, 9 Provisionals, 22 guests and guest speaker wife and son for a total of 135.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Lemmon, Secretary
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