

**Naples Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting
April 23, 2018
Minutes**

Attendance

Present: Terry Aufranc, Arlette Bradley, Linda LaRue Brown, , Gail Duke, Pat Fosberg, Diane Frisicaro, Polly Galliker, Sharon Hildebrandt, Ann Howat, Sandy Lash, Sally Lutz, , Eliza Nevin, Mary Pulick, Abbie Sladick, Patti Taylor, Catherine Ware
Excused: Sudie Minamyer, Kathleen Hawryluk, Janet Donald

Call to order- 9:30 am

Catherine Ware

Catherine thanked everyone for being on board

March 26 Minutes. Sharon Hildebrandt moved their approval

Corrections: Diane Frisicaro will contact 5 potential members not 4
Flower Show Botanical Arts entries is 32 not 12
Cost of Preview Party \$45 per person not \$48

APPROVED

April 23 Consent Agenda. Sharon Hildebrandt moved that the consent agenda be approved.

APPROVED

President's Report

Catherine Ware

- Welcome and introductions
- Approve Dates for 2018-19 Calendar
Had to move November. meeting to October 29, because Garden will be busy preparing for Hats In The Garden event
- Corrections to Officers & Directors' information (circulate for corrections)
- Dates out of Naples (circulate sheet)
- Website & Calendar Deadline-- August 1. This deadline will enable dates to be on website and in our yearbook
- Office Reservations and Meeting Dates to Catherine (distribute template for workshops/meetings)

- Please Copy Kathleen Hawryluk, President-elect on messages to President
- New Reservation system for workshops and meetings
 - *Gail Duke stated one can register on website for only 2 months at a time
 - *List of all events will be on the website to view
- Catherine asked chairmen to send her names of committee members
- Diane Friscaro asked that Bold Solutions remove the names of those who have resigned from website
- Catherine reported on meeting in March with Donna McGinnis, CEO of NBG.
 - Donna welcomes us and our involvement in the garden.
 - Catherine read follow-up letter from Donna outlining arrangements for club meetings in Kapnick Hall.
- Appointments:
 - Chaplain: not filled. Perhaps replace with “hort hints”
 - *Patti Taylor suggested environmental comments at each meeting
 - Courtyard Captain: Raynelle Perkins
 - *Improvements to outdoor area between office and shed
 - Grants: Sandy Lasch continuing
 - Historian: Linda LaRue Brown continuing
 - Hort Table: Dennis Bradshaw
 - Library: Sue Vernia continuing
 - Parliamentarian: Sandy Lasch
 - Sign-up Genius: Tammy Schwab continuing

Finance

- **Monthly Financial Report**

Eliza Nevin

*We are on accrual basis

*Doing well; staying in budget

*Sally Lutz thought there could be more Flower Show expenses, Eliza said all expenses may not be in yet

*Sally said as chair she didn't see a lot of expenses

Committee Reports:

Facilities

Arlette Bradley

- Distributed keys to office and shed
 - *Committees can change placement of things in shed if needed
 - *Box code on front office door is 1953
 - *No AC in shed, just a dehumidifier. Sally Lutz noted that dehumidifier dumps heat and that AC would take care of both heat and humidity.

Governance

Catherine Ware

- Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Forms distributed. Catherine asked that we sign both sheets and return to her

Membership

Diane Frisicaro

- Resignations and new provisionals
 - *According to bylaws Active membership shall be limited to 250 members
 - *Life membership is an FFGC category, not Naples category

MOTION:

Diane Frisicaro moved that the Board accept with regret the resignation of the following:

Elke Ehrig (Provisional 2017-18 – requirements not completed)

Bobbie Juster (Sustainer)

Myra Morrison

Barbara Schroeder

Billie Stevens

Kathe Vahey (Provisional Holdover 2017-18)

Charlotte Wiseman (Provisional 2018-19)

Secretary, please write letters of regret.

***PASSED**

MOTION:

Diane Frisicaro moved that the Board ratify the email vote to approve wait list candidate Gail Raymond as a Provisional Member Class 2018-19 in the open spot vacated by holdover Provisional Kathe Vahey based on the Board's previous motion to fill open spots.

***PASSED**

MOTION:

Diane Friscaro moved that the Board approve wait list candidate Deborah Snyder as a Provisional Member Class 2018-19 in the open slot vacated by Provisional member Charlotte Wiseman based on the Board's previous motion to fill open spots.

***PASSED**

Membership Status after Motions were approved:

223 Active

34 Provisional

7 Sustainer:

2 Honorary

266 Total Members

House and Garden Tour

Abbie Sladick

Discussion re changing patron ticket to allow three additional tickets at regular price, instead of five.

*Will stimulate buying more patron tickets

*Tickets on the 10:30 and 12:30 buses are usually sold out to patrons

MOTION:

Abbie Sladick moved to limit holders of patron tickets to 3 additional tickets instead of 5

Discussion

***PASSED**

*The Sound of Music theme for HGT will kick off the theme for the Flower Show

*Committee is in place

*Two houses already contracted, did walk through to decide plans for next two houses

*Met with horticulture committee regarding hort info for guests

*Refreshments may change due to new provider at Fogg Cafe

*Will meet with Liz Chehayl for event tent arrangements

*Abbie is sponsor for the tote bags

Idea Garden

Linda LaRue Brown

*Meeting Friday to review the past season and to begin to plan for Fall '18

*Tammy Schawb volunteer coordinator will coordinate Sign-up Genius

*Sudie Minamyer & Susan Kinhead will be head of Pop-up Cart programs

*Suggestions:

- do cart demo every Wednesday instead of twice a month,
 - perhaps do a short version of cart demo outside meeting room before general meeting starts
- *Purchased pedestals for members' pots
- *Committee would like to do an exhibit at the Flower Show. Need to submit a title and brief description for Flower Show schedule
- *Catherine suggested that everyone who works in Idea Garden should be a member of NBG. May be hard to do, but we could encourage it

Old Business

*In response to a question, it was confirmed that the proposed budget was approved by the board at the 3-26-18 meeting

MOTION:

Eliza Nevin moved that Catherine Ware's name be added to account at Northern Trust bank and Sudie's name be removed

***PASSED**

New Business

- *Linda Brown's name should be changed to Linda LaRue Brown on all club documents
- *Patti Taylor stated her Bus Hostess Captain is Mary Beth Johns not Jones
- *Linda Brown lost all photos from annual meeting; will take some photos today. If anyone has any from meeting, please send to her
- *Catherine Ware distributed info on FFGC landscape design class to be held in October
- *Mary Pulick said Flower Show frequently asked question on website need updating; will send to Polly
- *Mary Pulick showed designers' booklet done by Jill Chamberlin; it contains design photos and judges' comments. The booklet has been donated to our library and could go on the website
- *Mary Pulick suggested we work with a travel agent to organize a trip to the Philadelphia Flower show, March 2-10, our club could host it. Catherine will take under advisement
- *Sandy Lasch suggested we install board at last general meeting and eliminate the April annual meeting luncheon

DISCUSSION:

- *Many members have left town by mid=April
- *Make it festive with lunch, slide show and music
- *Xmas luncheon had poor attendance, 50 attended luncheon
- *Could grants be presented at March meeting not April meeting to make shorter
- *People don't realize we have an annual meeting, 72 attended luncheon

MOTION:

Sandy Lasch moved to combine annual meeting and last meeting

DISCUSSION:

- *Do bylaws need to be changed. Can't "combine" meetings
- *Could cost be reduced to encourage attendance
- *At last general meeting provisionals and actives are recognized and welcomed, budget is reviewed and grants are awarded. Busy meeting
- *Is there room in our meeting venue for the large attendance with luncheon
- *Can it be optional to attend the general meeting and/or annual meeting luncheon
- *Can board pay for luncheon with our discretionary funds? standing rules may say we can't pay for things for ourselves

SANDY WITHDREW HER MOTION

MOTION:

Sandy Lasch moved that in 2019 we hold the April general meeting and the Annual Meeting & luncheon on the same day, one following the other

****PASSED with 2 opposed Polly Galliker and Catherine Ware***

Adjourn Meeting 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Hildebrandt, Secretary

4-23-18

Approved. 10-22-18