



NAPLES GARDEN CLUB

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Naples Garden Club

December 2, 2019

Welcome

Kathleen Hawryluk

Pledge

Sally Lutz

BUSINESS MEETING

President's Report _____ Kathleen Hawryluk

- The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. The October 28 minutes will be approved at the January Membership Meeting.
- A cyber drawing was held for a plant donated by Jackie and Mike Malloy. The winner was Carol LaConfora.
- Several Interest Groups-- Creative Arts, Bromeliads, and Photography-- are meeting regularly. Please let Kathleen know if you have other ideas to expand our horizons and to meet others with like interests.

Treasurer's Report _____ Eliza Nevins

Dues have not increased since 2007 and have not even been adjusted for inflation. Because many parts of our programs are designed to break even, they can be eliminated from the total \$207,000 budget figure; and we can say that it costs over \$55,000 to operate the garden club. Dues only cover \$28,000 of that amount. The gap is filled by the House and Garden Tour proceeds; money that could be used to directly support our mission. The recommendation by the dues committee, with unanimous approval of the Board, is to have a graduated dues increase: active dues of \$125 for the next two years and \$150 for the next three. Sustainers and former Board Presidents will be adjusted accordingly. A new class of lifetime memberships will be created for people with ten years of active service who are at least 85 years old.

A written report will be distributed in a few weeks before a vote is taken at the January meeting.

House & Garden Tour _____ Patti Taylor

- The tour was sold out on November 15.
- Sign up is open for the Preview tour.
- Please consider Table Sponsorship in the Tent.
- Sign up for volunteering on Sign Up Genius.
- Be aware of homes that could be used in future years.

Flower Show Terry Aufranc

- Judy Perkins is available after the meeting for Members Challenge entry sign ups.
- Please plan to submit at least one piece of horticulture to improve our overall numbers.
- Continue to register for Design Entries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Donna Lindberg

- Eighteen provisionals are well launched.
- Membership applications are on-line and the application process is open February 15, 2020-March 15, 2020. A prospective member must attend at least one meeting before applying. The other requirements and the process are explained on the website.
- Contact Donna if you want her to forward an application to someone.

Governance Catherine Ware

- The Nomination Slate of Candidates was not announced because there is one vacancy for House and Garden Tour VP-Elect.
- It is an honor and responsibility to serve so please give it the utmost consideration if you are asked.

Idea Garden Linda LaRue Brown

- The Pop-Up presentations begin December 4, 10:30-12: 30pm, running every Wednesday through April.
- The Ambassador Program is launched. These Ambassadors will be engaging with visitors, answering questions and connecting visitors to the Idea Garden and the Garden Club.
- Ambassadors must be a NBG volunteer or register for the training which is Friday, January 17, 10-12pm.
- Please contact Linda with any questions.

Luncheon Raynelle Perkins.

- The holiday luncheon will be December 12, 11: 30am, at the Naples Yacht Club

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

PROGRAM

Carol Greenwood introduced Gina Jogan and Tina Tuttle. Their program "Travels with Tina and Gina" is a design program with horticulture commentary.

Carole Whitemore

Acting Secretary