

**Naples Garden Club**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 26, 2018**

**Attendance:**

*Present:* President Sudie Minamyer, Arlette Bradley, Janet Donald, Gail Duke, Pat Fosberg, Diane Friscaro, Susie Gascoigne, Sharon Hildebrandt, Ann Howat, Sandy Lasch, Sally Lutz, Raynelle Perkins, Mary Pulick, Sondra Quinn, Abbie Sladick, and Catherine Ware

*Excused:* Eliza Nevin and Patti Taylor

**Call to Order:** President *Minamyer* called the meeting to order at 9:30am

*Gail Duke* moved to approve the January 29, 2018 corrected and the February 26, 2018 **Board Minutes:** Both **Approved**

*Gail Duke* moved to approve the March 26th **Consent Agenda:**

**Approved**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Welcome:**

President *Minamyer* thanked everyone for their hard work on the Flower Show.

*Sudie* proposed a dinner gift certificate for Ellen and Bob Meister as a token of appreciation for all of their work procuring and overseeing the installation the new storage shed. After discussion, the amount of \$150 was decided upon. The funds will be taken from the Board Discretionary fund. *Raynelle Perkins* has been asked and has accepted the challenge of beautifying the courtyard space between the office and the shed.

**General Meeting Comment** – Sudie mentioned how appreciative a member of the Marco Island Garden Club was of our invitation to them to join our General Meetings. The Naples Garden Club views public participation as part of fulfilling our Mission.

**Speaking at the General Meeting** on April 9<sup>th</sup> will be *Sudie* (thanks to Flower Show Folks, the Meisters and a reminder of the Annual Luncheon Meeting at Treviso Bay on April 19, 2018), *Diane* – introduction of the new Active Class and the Provisional Class, *Sandy* – Grants Review, Bylaws change if adopted by Board, *Sally* – thanks to Flower Show Committee, *Janet* – Budget – power point of essential elements, *Eliza* – drawing for free dues, *Catherine* – thank you to *Sudie*,

*Susie* – thanking her Team & Legacy Trees and *Sondra* – Flower Show School.

**Provisional Request:** *Sudie* was contacted by a sponsoring member because her potential Provisional forgot to include her check for membership and is wait listed. She now wishes to be admitted. *Sandy Lasch* moved that new members be accepted into the Provisional class from the wait list in order when a vacancy arises up until the October Board Meeting. *Diane* seconded the motion. **Passed**  
*Sudie* will contact the sponsor and let her know of the Board's decision. *Diane* will contact the five potential members on the wait list and inform them of the procedure as well.

**Committee Reports:**

**Flower Show:** *Sally Lutz*, chair, thanked all friends who helped produce a fabulous show. *Sally* gave the following statistics: There were 5,688 people in attendance over the two-day period (an increase over last year,) 124 members participated, there were 338 horticulture specimens, 48 designs, 4 educational exhibits, 24 youth exhibits and 12 Botanical Arts entries. One attendee mentioned how “happy” the show made him feel.

**Finance:** Treasurer, *Janet Donald*, presented the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Activities for February. The budget for technology support is approximately \$24,000. Several questions were asked and answered.

**Annual Budget:** *Janet* reviewed the highlights of the new Budget as presented by the Finance Committee. The proposed budget balances at \$202,700. The revenue increase was due to the price increase of the H&GT tickets. Overall the budget line items increased for some and decreased for others. A simplified version of the Budget will be presented in Power Point Form at the General Membership Meeting on April 9, 2018. **Janet Donald moved that the annual budget be approved. The annual budget was approved as presented.**

**Governance/Grants:** *Sandy Lasch*, chair, reported that \$77,500 was awarded in Grants this year. \$30,000 to the Naples Botanical Garden for the Replant & Regrow from Hurricane Irma, \$15,00 for interns at the NBG, \$10,000 for the Idea Garden, approximately \$10,000 for the shed which was donated to NBG for the storage of Flower Show items, \$8,000 to Avalon School's Global Garden Project and \$4,500 to FGCU.

**Bylaws Changes:** *Catherine Ware*, President Elect, stated that there were only minor changes in the Standing Rules. *Catherine* moved that

the revised Standing Rules be adopted. *Sondra* seconded the motion.

**Passed**

**Article IV:** Catherine moved to delete the word “not” from Section A of the Bylaws and Sandy seconded the motion to read “Membership shall be limited to 250 Active members, including Life members of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs or National Garden Clubs, Inc.” **Defeated**

After discussion, Catherine moved to strike the end of the sentence: the new wording is “Active membership shall be limited to 250 members.”

*Sondra* seconded the motion. **Passed**

**Self-assessment:** *Sandy Lasch* circulated the survey concerning Board practices and asked each Board member to complete it and returned to her.

**Process for Changes to Job Descriptions:** *Sandy* will send each Board member an electronic copy of her job description and asked that changes be returned to her.

**Membership:** *Diane Frisicaro*, chair, moved “...the Board grant Active Membership status to the following 27 Provisional members, Class of 2017-18 who have already completed their requirements and to those contingent on completing them by the April 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. *Mercy Abrams, Judy Bergauer, Mary Ellen Bigham, Jeri Blair, Jan Boyce, Elke Ehrig, Dara Foundyller, Lanie Grever, Naneve Hawke, Penny Henderson, Denise Howe, Terry Hughes, Kathy Hume, Kelly Hutchinson, Fran Lockwood, Mary Marcotte, Linda Martin, Libby McKee, Brenda O’Neill, Dee Pietsch, Mary Lynn Podolak, Mary Schmidek, Tammy Schwab, Christine Sinclair, Kris Stadler JoAnn Walters and Connie Wilson.* “ **Passed**

*Diane* also moved “...that the Board approve the following 32 Provisional candidates and \*2Holdovers who were previously approved, as Provisional Members, Class of 2018-19.”

*Vicki Arkins, Betty Ann Artandi, \*Roberta Barr, Theresa Boyle, Kate Butler, Donna Ciardiello, Carol Cornell, Machelles Evans, Connie Fuller, Maria Duffy, Michelle Gambino, Claire Halloran, Lois Helwig, Nancy Hower, Tata Kellam, Laurie Longe, Holly Lonsdale, Eileen Lovering, Joanna Magel, Mary Martin, Patsy McDonald, Nancy Means, Sharon Neighbours, Janie Pappas, Kasia Petchel, Julia Phannenstiehl, Martha Phillips, Suzanne Pindych, Tracey Santry, \*Kathe Vahey, Dallas Vick, Carol Volatile, Wendy Watkins, and Charlotte Wiseman.* **Passed**

**Membership Status following Board Action:**

200 Active

27 New Actives (Provisional Class of 2017-18)  
32 New Provisionals (Provisional Class of 2018-19)  
2 Holdover Provisionals (from the Class of 2017-18)  
8 Sustainers  
2 Honorary

\*Board Ambassadors for the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting are *Gail Duke, Ann Howat* and *Sally Lutz*. Please arrive at 11:30am and wear your Board ribbons.

**Flower Show Elect:** *Mary Pulick*, flower Show Elect, moved and *Pat Fosberg* seconded the motion that the Club purchase twenty calendars each from the National Garden Club and the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs to be resold to members. **Passed**

**Hospitality:** *Pat Fosberg*, chair, asked Board members to contribute 2 quarts of sweetened strawberries each for the April General Meeting. Please slice strawberries, sprinkle with sugar and place in large ziplock bags and bring them to the meeting no later than 11:30am on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Meeting and Luncheon:** The luncheon will be held at Treviso Bay Country Club on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. At this time only 32 members have signed up. Please encourage your friends to attend. The cost is \$48 with drink tickets selling for \$10. *Sudie* will mention the luncheon at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Programs:**

*Raynelle Perkins*, chair, announced that the speaker for the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting would be Joel Toledo, the owner of the Green Door Nursery, who will be planting a succulent bowl which will be raffled at the close of the meeting. Provisionals are needed to sell tickets. Tables for the meeting were requested by membership and treasurer.

**Further Business:**

Sondra announced that the **District IX** meeting would be in Punta Gorda on May 2, 2018. *Sudie* offered to organize car pools.

**House & Garden Tour 2019**

*Abby Sladick*, chair, reported that preparations are underway and the same bus service is under contract.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

President *Minamyer* adjourned the meeting at 10:43AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Duke, secretary  
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