



NAPLES GARDEN CLUB
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
April 11, 2016
Buehler Auditorium

President Roberta Ross called the meeting to order at 1PM, welcoming members, new Provisionals, new Actives and guests to our final GM meeting of the season.

She asked members who had not checked in to sign the circulating sheet and asked all members to silence cell phones.

Crowd Control Officer Raynelle Perkins made the safety announcements.

Members were asked to complete the Membership Program Surveys on the table and turn in to Education Chair after the program, by leaving them on the table to be picked up.

Roberta introduced Catherine Ware and Ann Westerfield, members named Women of Initiative of Collier County 2015-2016. She requested members begin to now consider NGC members for 2016-2017. Members will be reminded by an eblast sent out in June with a July 31 deadline for submitting a member's name.

Pat Fosberg, Hospitality Chair, thanked her committee, Raynelle Perkins for all her help during the year and introduced today's Head Hostess, Audrey Hennessey, for her assistance in serving the traditional strawberry shortcake. Assisting committee members were Helga Arthur, Jeanne Bowen, Sharon Hildebrandt, Sharon Hiltonen and Lin Sprigman.

The Cyber Drawing of member names who registered for the GM meeting, in advance, was won by Mary Beth Johns. The prize, a Tibouchina Plant, was donated by Mike and Jackie Malloy.

A Motion to accept the Minutes from the March 7, 2016 GM meeting was made by Betty Aymar and seconded by Kris Morton, and approved unanimously.

Roberta introduced representatives from 9 organizations who received a total of \$93,000 in NGC grants for 2016-2017.

1. Raynelle Perkins accepted a \$2000 grant for Camp Wekiva which will support selected Avalon Global Gardening students in attending camp.
2. Accepting \$10,000 for ECHO, Inc., Alexandra Sindorf, Community Garden Intern, reported the grant will sponsor the next year of internship.
3. Jane Billings, Executive Director of Friends of Foster Children Forever, accepted a grant off \$5000 which will sponsor high school interns at NBG.

4. Lindsey Touchette, FGCU Director of Major Gifts, accepted a grant of \$11,000 for scholarship support. She also presented NGC a Certificate of Gratitude for their support and generosity to FGCU.
5. Karen Aldana, Development Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity, expressed appreciation for the grant of \$10,000 to be used for beautification of the Liberty Landings community in Immokalee.
6. Dr. Jaclynn Faffer, President and CEO of JFCS of Southwest Florida, accepted a \$10,000 grant which will be used to sponsor field trips and garden projects for seniors.
7. Accepting a \$30,000 grant to support 3 interns and underwrite 15 attendees at the American Public Garden Association, Brian Holley, NBG CEO, expressed appreciation for the ongoing support of NBG and the excellent working relationship between NBG and NGC.
8. Jack Mulvena, President and CEO of Naples Zoo, Inc., and Marci Seamples, their Director of Development, accepted a \$5000 grant to be used to revitalize the Zoo's Butterfly Garden.
9. Jinx Liggett, Executive Director of Youth Haven, Inc., accepted a \$10,000 grant to create an "Edible Campus and Learning Garden" for at-risk youth living at Youth Haven.

Treasurer Pat McNamara, presented the 2016-2017 Budget which had previously been sent to all members. Pat introduced and thanked her committee: Janet Donald, June Kroeschell, Peggy Blackburn and Elizabeth Nevin.

Assistant Treasurer Janet Donald conducted the drawing of those members who paid their dues prior to March 31, 2016. The prize, a full refund of "Paid Dues", was won by Diane Green. She reported that 115 members have paid to date.

Linda LaRue Brown, Governance Chair, introduced the new 2-16-2017 Board of Directors. They are:

Secretary – Gail Duke

Development Chair – Lydia Galton

Flower Show Chair, Elect – Sally Lutz

VP H> Chair – Sharon Hildenbrandt

H> Elect - Ann Howat

Educational Chair – Susan Gascoigne

Membership Chair – Diane Frisicaro

Program Chair – Greer Underwood

Past President's Council Representative – June Kroeschell

Governance Committee Members at Large: Gail Pica, Mary Pulick, Dusti Beaubien and Judy Spann

Linda then presented and reviewed the Bylaws revisions as approved by the Board of Directors and sent to the full membership on April 30, 2016 11 days prior to the GM meeting; they were unanimously approved by the membership.

Beverly Metcalf, outgoing Membership Chair, thanked her committee: Sharon Hildebrandt, Robin Shear, Carol McMenemy, Patti Taylor. Judy Spann and Membership Chair-Elect Diane Frisicaro.

Beverly then introduced the Class of 2016, now Active Members. She received words of appreciation and gifts from the group.

Incoming Membership Chair Diane Frisicaro then introduced each member of the 2016-2017, 24 Provisional class. The NGC now has 208 Active members, 2 Honorary members, 25 Provisional members, including one remaining from the 2016 class, and 12 Sustaining members.

Mary Raymond, Flower Show Chair, thanked all who contributed to the success of the 2016 NFS and especially thanked her committee. She announced the winners of the People's Choice awards, Liz Pedersoli in Horticulture and Jill Chamberlain in Design.

Mary then introduced Renee Lewis, 2017 NFS Chair, who announced the theme for the 2017 NFS to be held March 24-25, 2017 "*Cinderella*".

After accepting a bouquet of flowers, in appreciation of her excellent leadership, Roberta asked for the membership for a round of applause for Mary's hard work for the past two years of being Naples Flower Show Chair.

Raynelle Perkins introduces the Program Speaker, Kathleen Pica. Local business owner, from *Auctions Neapolitan & Gallery* and *Dovetails LLC – Estates & Décor*, Kathleen Pica, shared a special technique for use in refinishing old but cherished items for our gardens and homes using *Anne Sloane Paints*. The techniques work on glass, wood, metal, paper, concrete, fabric and leather with no priming necessary, only a clean surface. She teaches this craft, and paint products can be purchased at Dovetails LLC, located on Tenth and Central Avenue, Naples, Florida.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM and Roberta thanked all for a terrific year and hoped to see them at our Annual Installation Luncheon on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

Attending the meeting and program were 94 Active, 14 newly Active, 18 new Provisionals and 7 guests for a total of 133.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Lemmon, Secretary

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