

**Manatee River Garden Club
Minutes of the January Board of Directors Meeting
January 16, 2019**

Call to Order:

President Barbara Beury called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Present were Barbara Beury, Betsy Edwards, Lori Richie, Linda Lestock, Dee Ferreira, Caroline Powers, Sandy Plummer, Chris O'Grady, Edie Anderson, Caryl Ponder, Rita Mixer, Judy Boehm, Skeeter Smith, Betsy Lieberman and Carol Friedman.

Minutes: The minutes of the December BOD were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Caryl Ponder reported

Operating fund	\$ 5,430.86
Rental Account	\$27,478.89
Money Market	<u>\$18,393.52</u>
TOTAL	\$51,303.52

Eaton Fund	\$11,294.50
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GRAND TOTAL	\$62,597.77
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Reports of the Directors

Awards:

Rita reported that we have applied for award #70.

Grounds:

Linda Lestock's report:

On Tuesday January 8th, Sharron Jones, Mary Patterson, Olivia Cox and Linda worked for about 3 hours. Linda and her husband worked an additional 2.5 hours. They were to meet Javier but he was a no-show.

She again submitted Jeff Gilchrist's proposal but after discussion, it was tabled until next month.

Finance:

Lori Richie reported that rentals are going well.

She requested anyone with a budget request submit their ideas to her in writing.

Fundraising:

Dee Ferreira reported that attendance was down for the Wine & Cheese/Plant Auction. It was suggested this was probably because the date is too close to the holidays. It was still a success, bringing in \$1328.

Hospitality:

Skeeter Smith said she is looking ahead to May and has several caterers in mind. She requested an account of monies earned at luncheons so far.

Membership:

Edie Anderson reported that all new members have been assigned a mentor. She is going to select a date for orientation.

Garden Tour:

Sandy Plummer requested 1 more liaison. The next committee meeting is Jan 22. Garden Tour tickets will be issued today. We will collect donations next month.

Grants and Scholarships:

Sandy Plummer reported that the Planned Giving Committee makes a motion to establish a Planned Giving Program at MRGC effective fall 2019, including memorial bricks and other requests. They propose having an estate planning meeting at one of our fall luncheons. Monies would go into an undesignated Memorial Fund under Grants and Scholarship, and would be allocated on an as need basis. Motion made by committee, voted on, and passed unanimously.

Grants and Scholarship committee requests a field trip to tour the Rare Fruit project at Palma Sola

Sandy made a motion for purchasing plastic plaques for Eaton projects, 20 for \$420. The motion passed unanimously. An additional motion was made for the money to come from general fund. Discussion ensued about taking money from the Eaton Fund. The vote resulted in a tie vote, broken by President Barbara Berry. Money for the plaques will come from the Eaton Fund.

Communications and Publicity:

Judy Boehm submitted a short article to the newspapers on offering grants for the Eaton Fund. Dallas Carroll has been working on publicity submissions for the Flower Show and they are mostly complete.

Judy has visited four of the gardens selected for the March tour, posters and card designs have been completed and she is now ready to submit publicity for the tour.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Friedman
Secretary