

Manatee River Garden Club
Minutes of the October Board of Directors Meeting
October 24, 2018

Call to Order:

President Barbara Beury called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. Present were Barbara Beury, Caryl Ponder, Anne Stein, Chris O'Grady, Judy Boehm, Mary Patterson, Rita Mixer, Dee Ferreira, Edie Anderson, Skeeter Smith and Carol Friedman. There was no quorum. Any vote will be completed by email.

Minutes:

The minutes of the September BOD meeting were read and approved by the members present. Approval will be completed by email.

Reports of the Directors:

Communications: Judy Boehm reported that the newsletter is ready to be mailed. Any issues with the design will be addressed. Chris is having issues with being able to enable tabs. Skeeter requested her home phone be eliminated from responses.

Judy asked about awards 14 and 14a. Are we eligible for both.

She and Barbara Crepeau are adding a section on our website, under "About Us" about awards received.

She is still working on photo release forms. She is sending a form with Pat Danahy for a release from the Garden Therapy group. There was a discussion about the photo release form and how to use photos in which there are some faces of people who don't want to be included.

Rita asked her to let people know that the Design Study group is now open to the public. She has issued articles to various outlets.

Judy asked if we were interested in electronic tracking of volunteer hours, which may have a fee. She will look into the cost for our next meeting.

We discussed the bill for the website domain. Since it is an ongoing expense, we did not vote on it.

Hospitality: Skeeter Smith wanted to know about borrowed items. There was an issue with with tablecloths being put back in the wrong place. She raised a question about keeping track of borrowed items. Carol, Mary and Skeeter will keep track of items once a system is established.

Candi Clerkin will be helping Skeeter and needs a key.

Skeeter is having issues with reservations. Members need to be reminded to contact Skeeter.

Membership: Edie Anderson said she has learned how to use the forms. She reported that we have 4 new members. We can get an award if we have the biggest percent increase.

She is starting a mentor program and has a sign up sheet for people interested in being a mentor.

House: Mary Patterson reported that locks are set. The tile between the meeting room and board room needed to be replaced.

The benches will be delivered next week and will be installed.

Garbage is piling up after weddings and she would like to increase the number of cans. 4 cans will be \$192.36. We currently pay \$147 for 2. Excess can be paid for by rentals. Mary will see to additional cans. No vote was necessary.

Ice-maker service is an issue. She will look into getting Ark Refrigeration, the company that installed it, back to clean it.

Programs: Chris O'Grady reported that we are having an evening program on Thursday, November, 7pm, about Photo-imaging of Flowers, by Donovan Evans. Cass Robertson and Cathy Willard will host in Chris's absence.

Next month's program will be by Kara Tyler Julian about "Garden Footprint" (eco friendly practices)

Fundraising: Dee Ferreira reported we have three new sponsors, Monica Newcomer/Coldwell Banker, the Hair Company and Classic Auto Body, Inc.

There was a discussion about how to list them. Judy Boehm made a motion that we have two categories of sponsors; Corporate sponsors will supply a logo to be used on the website and individuals who will be recognized by their name and company if desired. Mary Patterson seconded the motion and everyone present voted in favor. The voting will be completed by email.

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Stein reported that Quick Books needs to be updated for approximately \$300 to \$600. She will look into it.

Treasurer's Report: Caryl passed out the report.

Operating fund	\$ 5,135.47
Rental	29,079.96
Money Market	18,392.60
<u>Eaton</u>	<u>11,926.70</u>
TOTAL	\$64,534.73

The treasurers report was filed for audit.

Grounds: Carol read the report from Linda LeStock. See attached

President: Barbara showed us several thank you notes and told us about future events, a fashion show in Tarpon Springs and the next district meeting, Sarasota, May 9, 2019. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Friedman,
Secretary

MANATEE RIVER GARDEN CLUB
GROUNDS REPORT
October 21, 2018

I am starting my fifth year as Grounds Director and over these four years, we have had an average of three to five garden club members show up on Garden Angels day. The usual time that these members volunteer is less than one to three hours on a good day and there is so much that needs to be done. With all the rain this year and the heat which continues to soar the weeds continue to grow.

I believe that you have put your trust in me to get the job done and I believe that I have done a thorough job especially when Irma knocked over the Orchid tree. I hired and was the only club member present the morning the tree was moved to the street; and, while Frank Trulove was there negotiated removing other hazardous trees to the club building and parking lot.

After talking with Barbara Beury, who advised, that in the past some of the 'garden groups' had hired, in their stead, outside 'landscapers' to maintain the space that they had adopted. On Saturday I hired Cindy Keene, Manatee County Master Gardener (whose garden was on the tour this past spring and who has a small landscape maintenance business) to weed the front of the building, small First Street beds and the liriopé beds at the kitchen entrance. This will be a monthly job. Her fee is \$25 an hour. (I did contact Lori Richie's daughter, but she likes to keep her customers on the Island.)

Garden Angels will continue to meet on the second Monday of each month. We will maintain the bromeliad bed, Mediation Garden, fountain bed and other areas around the building.

Javier will be called upon to do: hedge trimming, roof cleaning, trees trimming, removing brush from around the north & eastside of building, etc. The heavy stuff that we cannot do.

I will continue to maintain the Butterfly Garden which because of the heat and rain went downhill this summer. But it is starting to look a lot better and I will be adding a few plants.

Gilchrist continues to fertilize the lawn and it looks the best I seen since joining the club.

I believe the 'new' landscape is coming along. I am meeting with Gilchrist on October 29 to replace the dead azaleas planted in May; and, plan on adding a few plants to the empty areas after the hedge was removed at the Mediation Garden.

It is all about getting the job done and with the help of Cindy Keene, I feel confident that the entire landscape will be easier to maintain with all involved.

Linda Lestock