

**Manatee River Garden Club  
Minutes of the May Board of Directors Meeting  
May 15, 2019**

**Call to Order:**

President Barbara Beury called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. Present were Barbara Beury, Judy Boehm, Betsy Edwards, Dee Ferreira, Betsy Lieberman, Rita Mixer, Chris O'Grady, Mary Patterson, Sandy Plummer, Caryl Ponder, Caroline Powers, Lori Richie, Anne Stein and Carol Friedman

**Minutes:** The minutes of the special May 1st meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurers Report:**

Checking	\$ 9,857.93
Rental	29,104.61
Money Market	18,394.72
Eaton	10,899.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$68,256.89</b>

**Publicity:** Judy requested that phone number be removed from website. Agreed. It will be included in the directory for members.

**Finance:** Lori Richie reported that Linda, our rental agent has broken her wrist but is still showing our facilities.

**Awards:** Rita Mixer reported that she and Carol are working on the Book of Evidence for the Flower Show. she will check back with those eligible for individual awards.

**Administration:** Caroline Powers said she will set a time to clean out the office.

Betsy Lieberman reported that our volunteer hours sit at over 4,125. She will finalize numbers to hand to our next board of directors.

**Grants and Scholarships:** Sandy Plummer made a motion to change the name of Planned Giving to "MRGC Legacy Circle"

Discussion regarding the word Circle. It was decided to call it "MRGC Legacy Fund". The MRGC Legacy Fund manages planned giving, defined as:

"Planned giving is the act of making a monetary gift during one's lifetime or upon death as part of the donor's overall financial and estate planning."

The MRGC Legacy Fund shall seek and manage bequests to Manatee River Garden Club, including Memorial Bricks, with the intention of building a Memorial Fund to be used for memorial projects and a Legacy Fund to be used for designated capital improvements. These monies will be held in separate, interest-bearing accounts. The motion was seconded by Betsy Edwards and it passed unanimously.

**House:** Mary Patterson made a motion to accept the bid for decor from Jan Locke to paint, replace the window coverings and install the flooring to be paid out of general funds, seconded by Betsy Edwards, and passed. She made another motion to finance the flooring with Lumber Liquidators, seconded by Betsy Edwards and passed.

**Grounds Report for Linda Lestock**

Sorry I have to do my report this way BUT I really don't have much to report as Garden Angels did not meet last week. I am kinda pooped anyway as we spent the day in the car driving back from Charleston, SC after being gone a week.

1. Urns: I plan on going over to where you mentioned Barbara, before I left last week but did not have time so I plan on going over tomorrow afternoon. I also have been looking on the internet and have found something on Amazon but not sure about holes.

2. Powder coating: Brenda Johnson did answer my email and I plan on stopping tomorrow and talking to the guy, that did it before, as he is in Palmetto.

3. Quote regarding the landscape from Gilchrist: I am emailing this to you separately from Gilchrist. I asked for Mammy crotons as the foliage is finer rather than thicker if you know what I mean and I think it will be easier to maintain (trim) as it starts to grown. Javier said that he could get for \$5.50 a bag plus shipping plus the charge to put it down.

I was over there last week and one of the white birds in the paved parking lot bed fell over and was cut by I don't know who. I think it may have fallen into the street. I had noticed that it was top heavy. I asked Javier to dig the stump out.

I checked the irrigation before I left and it is running three times a week.

As I was gone, Garden Angels will be on Tuesday, May 21 at 8:30.

I unfortunately will not be there tomorrow as I have another commitment. Please let me know your thoughts on any of this especially about the Gilchrist quote as I would let Tim from Gilchrist know and set a date for planting. I will let you all know by the end of the week where I am on the urns and powder coating ...

Carol Friedman made a motion to accept the proposal from Jeff Gilchrist with the exception of the mulch, seconded by Betsy Edwards and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned until after the general meeting.

GENERAL MEETING

Our scholarship recipients and Eaton Fund Grantees were introduced  
New board members were nominated: Judy Carroll, Bev Chapin, Trisa Wintringham and Paula Wolfe.  
Nominations were opened to the floor.  
There being no persons opposing, Peggy Simone raised a point of order to accept the slate, seconded by Crystal Herold and passed unanimously.

The Board of Directors reconvened to elect the new Slate of Officers.  
Nominations were opened to the board.  
For President, Betsy Edwards nominated Chris O’Grady, seconded by Lori Richie, passed unanimously.  
That being done, Barbara Beury turned the meeting over to Chris.  
Chris then took nominations for the executive committee:  
For Vice President: Rita Mixer was nominated and elected unanimously.  
For Secretary: Caryl Ponder was nominated and elected unanimously.  
For Assistant Secretary: Betsy Edwards was nominated and elected unanimously.  
For Treasurer: Anne Stein was nominated and elected unanimously.  
For Assistant Treasurer: Bev Chapin was nominated and elected unanimously.

- Outgoing officers:

President: Barbara Beury

Vice President: Betsy Edwards

Secretary: Carol Friedman

Assistant Secretary: Betsy Lieberman

Treasurer: Caryl Ponder

Assistant Treasurer: Anne Stein
- Incoming Officers:

President: Chris O’Grady

Vice President: Rita Mixer

Secretary: Caryl Ponder

Assistant Secretary: Betsy Edwards

Treasurer: Anne Stein

Assistant Treasurer: Bev Chapin

Chris O’Grady thanked us all and extended wishes for a successful year.  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Friedman  
Secretary

Jeff Gilchrist Landscaping, Inc.

932 22nd St W  
Bradenton, FL 34205

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
11/7/2018	3724

Name / Address

Caryl Ponder  
c/o: Manatee River Garden Club  
3120 1st Avenue West  
Bradenton, FL 34205

Service Address

P.O. No.	Terms	Rep
	Estimate	TSK

Qty	Item	Description	Per Unit	Installed Price
36	Minima 4" Plug	To continue area to left of front entry, extending to Trinette Arboricola.	2.91	104.76
1	Podocarpus Dwarf 7g		76.63	76.63
6	Croton 3g	mammy variety.	19.92	119.52
1	Labor - 3 Man	(est +/-) site prep and clean up.	165.00	165.00
-1	Sales Discounts	Credit for 6 azaleas.	183.90	-183.90
165	Coco Brown Mulch 2 cubic ft.	(est +/-) Normally we use mulch 3" deep, but because we are just top dressing I am only proposing that we do it 2" deep. This will cover the area to the left of the walkway from the parking lot to the front entry, from the right of the front entry to the pine tree, the butterfly garden, the Main entry from 1st Ave, around the magnolia tree, and the other small area to the left of the main walkway near the entrance. If you want to remove the butterfly area from this estimate, we will reduce this quantity by 30 bags.	8.00	1,320.00
<b>Total</b>				\$1,602.01

A 50% downpayment will be due upon signing of contract with balance due within 10 days of completion. The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to the work as specified.

Client Signature:

Company Rep Signature:

Phone # 9417467599

Cell # 941-746-7599

rebecca@jeffgilchristlandscaping.com

Subsequently, the following Board Positions have been established:

Awards: Skeeter Smith

Administration: Caroline Powers

Communications & Publicity: Judy Boehm

Community Outreach: Judy Carroll

Finance: Lori Richie

Fundraising: Trisa Wintringham

Grounds: Paula Wolfe

Hospitality: Carol Friedman

House: Mary Patterson

Membership: Edie Anderson

Programs: Barbara Beury

Scholarships & Grants: Sandy Plummer