

**Manatee River Garden Club
Minutes of the February Board of Directors Meeting
February 20, 2019**

Call to Order:

President Barbara Beury called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Present were Barbara Beury, Lori Richie, Dee Ferreira, Linda Lestock, Caryl Ponder, Skeeter Smith, Betsy Lieberman, Mary Patterson, Judy Boehm, Caroline Powers, Rita Mixer, Anne Stein, Chris O'Grady and Carol Friedman.

Minutes: The minutes of the January BOD were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Caryl Ponder reported

Operating fund	\$ 4,275.22
Rental Account	\$32,647.59
Money Market	\$18,393.83
TOTAL	\$55,316.64
Eaton Fund	\$11,294.50~
GRAND TOTAL	\$62,611.14

Caryl gave a report on the flower show, but it was tabled because several people have not submitted bills.

Reports of the Directors

Awards:

Rita read a note from Carol Lucia telling us how nice our flower show was and that we are eligible to submit a BOE for a possible flower show award.

Administration:

Caroline Powers said she needs help cleaning through materials in the office. We need new bookcases. It was suggested we have a work day after the Garden Tour.

Grounds:

Linda Lestock's read her report. They worked on February 12 and 19, cleaning out the bromeliad beds and pulling out ferns. Cindy Keene is working out very well. Linda had a question about the plants that are being left outside the club. They will be thrown away. There was some discussion about Bromeliads for the front. Tropiflora quoted \$400 each. Caroline Powers said she has some she will donate some.

Publicity:

Judy said there have been photos from the Flower Show posted on the Internet. She has printed flyers for the Garden Tour and they will be emailed to members this week. She is looking into paver information and we will be ordering pavers for deceased members.

Finance:

Lori Richie reported that rentals are going well. Linda Lawrence, our rental agent, is going above and beyond. Lori made a motion that we increase the pay for the rental agent to 15%, up from 10%. It was seconded by Skeeter and the motion passed unanimously. Lori is still looking for budget requests from all committees.

Fundraising:

Dee Ferreira read a letter from Sandy Plummer requesting monies from raffles at the Garden Tour be given to Community Outreach. There was a question about people requesting donations from various funds. The raffle money does need to be designated.

Lori made a motion that the money be designated to go to the club's operating fund. Chris O'Grady seconded it. After discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Hospitality:

Skeeter Smith said they will be passing the hat for donations for the garden Tour lunch. There will be a Garden Tour meeting on March 5 at 11am.

She needs people to help for the April meeting. We need be thinking about the caterer for the May meeting.

There was a question about extra people coming to the luncheons. There are three today.

House:

Mary Patterson reported that she found chairs similar to ours for \$34.24 each. She made a motion to buy 12 chairs. It was seconded by Caroline. The motion passed unanimously.

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Programs:

Chris O'Grady reported that Don and Dot Bates will be giving the program today on Caladiums.

Membership:

Barbara reported that Edie Anderson held a new member orientation that was very well attended.

Old Business:

Chris O'Grady requested info on board members rue-ping and requested a meeting of the nominating committee.

New Business:

Caryl Ponder wanted to know if the Gala was approved by the board. She cited past events and was concerned about the work and that Saturday's kitchen staff will not be able to attend, which is not fair.

Skeeter made a motion to proceed with the Gala, seconded by Lori. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Friedman
Secretary