

**Manatee River Garden Club**  
**Minutes of the Called Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 1, 2019**

**Call to Order:**

President Barbara Beury called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. Present were Barbara Beury, Caryl Ponder, Lori Richie, Caroline Powers, Sandy Plummer, Anne Stein, Betsy Lieberman, Rita Mixer, Edie Anderson, Betsy Edwards, Linda Lestock, and Carol Friedman.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April BOD meeting were amended:

The Eaton Slate of recipients is:

The Eaton funding application requests the committee has approved are from:

**\*Electa Lee Middle Magnet School:** \$1,000.00 for materials to build Earthboxes

**\*Palma Sola Botanical Park Foundation, Inc.:** \$750.00 for Entrance-way Plants.

**\*Manatee County, Friends of Extension:** \$1,000.00 for Rose Garden

**\*Lincoln Memorial Academy Urban Ag & FFA.** \$1,456.87 for ABC Garden Box Planters.

**\*The Manatee Rare Fruit Council Inc.** \$2,547.00 to be used for Improvements and Enhancements

**\*UF/IFAS Extension – Manatee County Community Garden Program:** \$1,700.00, for seed trays and pots, soil and soil amendment, plants, raised bed kits, pavers and bulletin boards.

**\*Manatee River Garden Club:** \$2,200 for plantings, urns, powder-coating gazebo

After payment to these recipients, the Eaton Fund will have a remaining balance of \$245.76.

The scholarship recipients are:

**\*Megan McCarthy,** 11534 Walden Loop, Parrish, FL 34219

Attended Palmetto High School and will be attending the University of South Florida, majoring in Environmental Science. She has a 4.1 GPA with Honors / AICE / AP classes.

**\*Alexis Ludwig,** 1607 88th Ct NE, Bton, FL 34209

Attended Manatee High School and will be attending Florida Gulf Coast University, majoring in Marine Science with a minor in Environmental Education. Alexis has a 4.57 GPA and is ranked 9th in her class of 482.

**\*Annabel Henson,** 27920 Crosby Rd., Myakka City, FL 34251

Attended Braden River High School and the State College of Florida. She plans to attend the University of Florida or Santa Fe State College, majoring in Agriculture Communications. She is in the highest level of horticulture study at Braden River High School. Annabel has a 4.0645 GPA and is ranked 100 out of 488.

The minutes were approved as amended.

The following issues were discussed:

**Community beautification award.** We decided to table it until the fall.

**Garden Tour,** net proceeds: \$9824.10. Job well done! Thank you Sandy.

**Planned Giving/Memorial Fund.** Separate accounts pending approval by our accountants will be created. Planned Giving will be established for capital improvements. The Memorial Fund will be for Memorial projects. Guidelines will be established.

\*Sandy Plummer made a motion to establish a separate, interest bearing account for Planned Giving, at a bank to be determined. Betsy Lieberman seconded it. The motion passed. (\$800 to date)

\*Carol Friedman made a motion to create a separate, interest bearing account for the Memorial Fund, at a bank to be determined. It was seconded by Lori Richie. The motion passed unanimously. (\$2601 to date)

**Budget.** Lori Richie made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, seconded by Anne Stein. Discussion about a line item for Planned Giving followed and it was decided costs can be covered by existing line items. The motion passed. See attached.

**Calendar.** The dates for the Flower Show and Garden Tour had to be changed due to conflicts with rental contracts.

\*Carol Friedman made a motion to change the dates of next year's Flower Show to January 31 and February 1, 2020, seconded by Betsy Edwards, passed unanimously.

\*Betsy Edwards made a motion to change the date of the Garden Tour to April 4, 2020, seconded by Betsy Lieberman, passed unanimously.

\*Betsy Edwards made a motion to Reserve the dates of February 5 & 6, 2021 for the following year's Flower Show, seconded by Sandy Plummer, passed unanimously.

\*Sandy Plummer made a motion to reserve the date of March 27, 2021 for the following year's Garden Tour, seconded by Betsy Lieberman, passed unanimously.

Barbara Crepeau will be advised of all dates and they will be on the website.

FYI; other major dates:

Planned Giving Kickoff October

Wine & Cheese/ Plant Auction November 14

New Member Orientation February 12

FFGC Convention/Flower Show April 16-19

**Eaton Fund.**

Sandy Plummer made a motion to change the \$1000 grant for earthboxes from Lincoln to Sugg Middle School because of the administrator's job change, The motion was from the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Dues.** Edie Anderson will not be here at the May meeting. Since dues are now due, she needs a list of any dues paid then.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44.. .

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Friedman  
Secretary

<b>2019-2020 Budget</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>
<b>RENTALS-</b>	<b>48,000</b>	
Supplies (cards,brochures,ads)		2500
Agent fees		5500
Janitorial fees		8500
Rental Attendant		3500
<b>Membership - 100 x \$40</b>	<b>4000</b>	
Dues		1250
Supplies		500
<b>Misc income</b>	<b>1000</b>	
<b>Programs</b>		
Speakers @ monthly mtgs		1200
Floral Design		500
Flower Show	1500	1500
Horticulture	600	1000
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Wine & Cheese	1500	50
Monthly raffle	800	25
Garden Tour	5000	1500
Sponsorships	1600	
<b>House</b>		
Repair & Maintenance		5000
Supplies		1225
<b>Grounds</b>		7000
<b>Hospitality</b>		
Monthly luncheon	2000	2000
Supplies		500
<b>Community Outreach</b>		
Garden Therapy/Beautification		1000
<b>Awards</b>		
<b>Utilities</b>		7000
<b>Spectrum(Telephone)</b>		1300
<b>Advertising</b>		1000
<b>Postage/printing</b>		1000
<b>Professional fees</b>		1800
<b>Insurance</b>		6000
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		100
<b>Contributions/Gifts/Grants</b>		
Wekiva		600
SEEK		450
Scholarship		2000
<b>Administration</b>		500
	<b>66000</b>	<b>66000</b>