



## **SOUTH BREVARD GARDEN CLUB ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: October 4, 2021**

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Before the meeting was called to order, Jayne Mandeville gave an interesting program about Bonsai.

The Board meeting was called to order by President, Joyce Barton, at 11:09 AM. Lisa Robinson gave an inspirational reading and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Board Members were present:

- Joyce Barton, President
- Lisa Robinson, Vice President
- Lydia Barbour, Secretary
- Kathryn Merry, Treasurer

Joyce welcomed everyone.

Lydia Barbour brought a copy of the minutes of the May 3, 2021 General Meeting. They had been distributed and reviewed prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Kathryn Merry reported a bank balance of \$1568.29 as of September 30, 2021.

### **Roll Call of the Garden Clubs:**

**Beach Gardeners of Melbourne Beach** (3 attending) Joyce Barton, President, reported.

- This month they will be having their first in-person meeting unless Joyce has to change it to Zoom due to the imminent arrival of a 2<sup>nd</sup> grandchild.
- Bi-Centennial Park has been cleaned up by the Town of Melbourne Beach.
- Beach Gardeners currently has 23 members.
- They are planning a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

**Garden Club by the Sea** (4 attending) – Valerie Karas, President, reported.

- Work on Lily Park has continued, where they installed a Blue Star Memorial Marker, which will be dedicated at 3 PM on Veterans Day. They will honor veterans by reading names submitted to them of anyone who has served, or is serving, in the armed forces. Please send them names of anyone you would like to be honored. They are working out details to provide parking.
- At their next meeting, their program will be provided via Zoom from Arizona by Valerie's sister, who has a PhD in Astronomy, and who works on the Dark Skies Initiative for the Nation Science Foundation.

**Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club** (7 attending) – Robin Chang, President, reported.

- They held their first in-person meeting 2.5 weeks ago. Their program was by Leslie Thomas of Seaside Succulents.
- Next month their program will be provided by Kristen, a beekeeper from LKC.

Joyce thanked the Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club for hosting the meeting today.

**Island Garden Club** (2 attending) – Julia Hill, President. Kathryn reported that they have not yet met.

**Melbourne Garden Club** (6+1 guest attending) – Sandi Dix, President, reported.

- October was their first in-person meeting, at which Paul Merry gave a talk about recycling and Kathryn Merry ran a propagation workshop.
- The Blue Star Marker, which was blown down by a hurricane two years ago, was reinstalled by Florida's DOT. After landscaping is planned and completed, a rededication will be held.
- Melbourne will be providing the program for SBGCA's November meeting, which will be held at the Melbourne Library on Fee Avenue. The speaker will be Dr. Kim Moore who will be speaking via Zoom from Ft. Lauderdale. The talk is entitled "So You Want to be a Plant Doctor."
- Masks will be required and what snacks will be provided is to be determine.

**Port Malabar Garden Club** (3 attending) – Becky Savage, President, reported.

- October 8 will be the first in-person meeting.
- A permanent bird watching committee has been established. It first met at Ballard Park. Photos are posted on Facebook.
- Turkey Creek Nature Center will be the site of a new native garden to be planned, installed and maintained by the Club.
- A raffle and yard sale are being planned for March.

**Meeting participants in today's meeting including the Board & Guests: 25**

### **Committee Reports**

Sunshine Report – Ann Stott, who will be 101 on Friday, can no longer perform this duty. A volunteer is needed to send get-well and sympathy cards.

Plant Sale Report – Marcie reported that we did well.

Door Prize Drawing – Lydia Barbour won the beautiful mum!

### **Old Business:**

- The old GoDaddy website has been replaced with one on Square Space. Joyce's daughter has been helping her get some of the updates completed. Joyce has found it easy enough to work with that a training session will be set up for Thursday at 10 AM via Zoom. Joyce will send the Zoom invitations to the reps. Joyce recommends going onto the website now and trying some of the tutorials and then trying some updates.
- **These instructions for accessing and editing the SBGCA website are different from what was stated during the meeting:**

- Every club should have a representative who has received an invitation to modify the SBGCA website. That invitation contains a user-id and password for that person.
  - Access to modify the SBGCA website is at <https://account.squarespace.com>
  - If your rep still needs a user-id and password, please reach out to Joyce and she will have squarespace send one.
- This year SBGCA paid for the website. Each club is to budget \$42 annually beginning next year.
  - Although funds are OK for scholarships, planning was put off until the next meeting.
  - It should be OK to hold the Holiday Party in December. Plans will be made at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

- SBGCA next meeting: November 4, 10 AM at the Melbourne Library on Fee Avenue.

**Announcements:**

- Kathryn Merry reminded everyone about the Florida Native Society Conradina Chapter is holding its Landscaping With Florida Natives Tour on October 16. Seven homes and the Barrier Island Center are on the tour and all are all on the Island side. Tickets are \$10 and are available through Eventbrite. Go to the <https://conradina.fnpschapters.org/> to get the link to buy tickets and to get all the information.

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.**