



SOUTH BREVARD GARDEN CLUB ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – December 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President, Joyce Barton, at 10:00 AM. She read the Mission Statement of the Association: The South Brevard Garden Club Association is a community-based organization providing a link between the members of six garden clubs in the greater Melbourne area, potential gardeners and the general public. It's objective is to increase the knowledge of horticulture, conservation, civic beautification and environmental focus.

Vice-President Lisa Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and provided this inspirational reading: Traditionally the holiday season is a time to highlight the truly human qualities of peace, of generosity, and of understanding. No matter how we choose to celebrate the season this time of year it reminds us the beliefs that unite us are far greater than those which divide us. Be kind and peace to you. Happy New Year 2022

Board Members present:

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

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of the November meeting were distributed and no corrections were received. None were provided during the meeting. Minutes are posted on the website and a copy was available during the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of end of November was \$1696.04. It includes income of \$61.75 from November donations for plants and the raffle.

Roll Call of the Garden Clubs:

Beach Gardeners of Melbourne Beach - 2 members attending. Joyce Barton, President, reported:

- The club is planning their Christmas luncheon at the Sunnyside Café. Rather than exchanging gifts, they provided Homeless Veterans with \$10 gift cards.
- The Town of Melbourne Beach is continuing work on the Bi-Centennial Park.
- Currently they have 25 members and are working on a member booklet.

Garden Club by the Sea – 2 members attending. – Lisa Robinson reported:

- The club is planning their Christmas luncheon to be a hot lunch at Valerie's.
- On Veterans' Day, the Blue Star Marker at Lily Park was dedicated in a ceremony at 3 PM which went very well.
- Since then Gatto Tires has donated \$3000 for a flag pole in honor of the military.
- The Club will be making a donation to Serene Harbor.

Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club - 2 members & 2 guests attending – Robin Chang, President, reported:

- The Marine Resource Council provided a presentation about Atlantic Right Whales at the November meeting.
- Their holiday luncheon will be catered at Gleason Park. An auction will be part of the festivities. Masks will be optional.
- Their next program will be Landscape Design by Nicole Perna.

Island Garden Club - 5 members & 1 guest attending – Julia Hill, President reported:

- The November meeting was in-person and Kathryn Merry conducted a propagation workshop.
- Their holiday gathering will include a gift exchange. They will also collect personal and uplifting items to be donated to the women's shelter.
- Their next program will be Landscape Design provided by Jan Nicole.
- They are pursuing grants to enable work at Hog Point Sanctuary with the Conradina Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and to place poinsettias at Douglas Park.

Melbourne Garden Club - 4 members attending – Sandi Dix, President, reported:

- The Christmas meeting was held briefly at the Eau Gallie Library, followed by a luncheon at Squid Lips on the deck.
- Collection of non-perishable items is planned for delivery to the Sharing Center.
- The Club currently has 30 members.

Port Malabar Garden Club - 4 members attending – Becky Savage, President, reported:

- The November meeting was in-person meeting, during which members continued planning for upcoming events.
- The Christmas Luncheon will be at the Yellow Dog.
- The Club is working with Turkey Creek Sanctuary to plan, create and maintain a native plant garden in front of the welcome sign. Once that is completed, The Club will work with Turkey Creek to design planting around a bog they are creating.

Meeting participants in today's meeting including the Board & Guests: 21

Committee Reports

Sunshine Report – Harriet Mirsajadi is the new Chairman. Anyone who knows of a person who needs a get well or condolence card should send a request to Harriet at harriet32934@yahoo.com.

Plant Sale – Marcie reported that plants were still available for a donation.

Door Prize Drawing –Charlotte brought two holiday arrangements for the door prize..

Old Business:

- Although Joyce held one-on-one sessions with several Club representatives, several pages have still not been updated. She asked that each club at least change the first page to give a more individual look to the website. She offered another session after the holidays.

No New Business or announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM so the auction and luncheon could begin.