



SOUTH BREVARD GARDEN CLUB ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 06, 2023

Mission Statement: SBGCA 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. Its objective is to increase the knowledge of horticulture, conservation, civic beautification and environmental focus.

The Board meeting was called to order by President, Joyce Barton at 10:12 am who then led the group in the pledge to the American flag.

Joyce gave the inspirational reading for Lisa, providing an inspirational reading reflecting on Women's History Month. **Board Members** present include:

- Joyce Barton, President
- Lisa Robinson, Vice President
- Kathryn Merry, Treasurer

The **minutes** of the February General Meeting were read. They will be posted on the SBGCA.org website.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of February 1: \$1,924.67; Income from Door Prize and Plants was \$60.00; No Disbursements; Balance at the end of February \$1,984.67.

Roll Call of the Garden Clubs:

Beach Gardeners of Melbourne Beach (7 present) Joyce Barton, President, reported:

- Their last meeting was a workshop making pressed flower bookmarks, which they sell for \$1.
- Their next meeting will be a field trip to McKee Botanical Garden in Vero.

Garden Club by the Sea (2 present of 46 members) Lisa Robinson, reported:

- Their last meeting was a program by Dave Riches on Orchid Care and Planting Techniques.
- Their next meeting is March 15th and they are having a workshop at a member's home making Kokedama or Japanese Moss Balls.

Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club (6 present of 72 members) – Suzi Hodge, President, reported.

- Katlyn with MRC gave their program.
- They will participate as a vendor at Indian Harbor Beach's Arbor Day celebration.

Island Garden Club (1 of 25 members present) – Julia Hill, President. Kathryn Merry reported:

- Their March meeting will be the 8th and **Dick** will be the guest speaker on Ospreys.

Melbourne Garden Club (6 of 35 members present) – Lydia Barbour, President, Kathryn Merry reported:

- Five new members have joined in the last two months, bringing membership to 35.
- Programs for February and March were both outstanding: Marty Folk gave a humorous talk about bromeliads, sold us some and gave us some. Dave Riches was also quite droll as he described orchids. He donated on which we auctioned for a final bid of \$50.
- We will be taking a trip to McKee Botanical Garden this week.
- In April, Elvie Blakeley will talk about African Violets, and we will have a succulent workshop at a members home.
- We will be a vendor 03/25 at the Florida Friendly Landscaping Seminar, providing a variety of plants, herbs bromeliads, and sun-tolerant caladium bulbs from Florida Boys. Sign up for the event on Eventbrite and enjoy educational seminars and 15 environmentally-based vendors.
- Mary Lou Stallard announced that she and husband will be moving to Hersey, PA and having a Yard Sale with shared proceeds to Melbourne Garden Club in mid-April.

Port Malabar Garden Club (2 of 39 members present) – Becky Savage, President, reported:

- Their March meeting was dedicated to preparing for their Garage/Plant/Bake Sale.
- Their April meeting will be a program on Orchids by one of their members, Trish.
- Special Projects is maintaining Turkey Creek Sanctuary.
- In April they will take a field trip to the Brevard Zoo.
- Sadly, they unrepentantly lost their 1st VP, Lynn Domboski, and have provided time and support to the family.

Meeting participants in today's meeting including the Board & Guests: 24

Committee Reports

- Sunshine Report – Harriet reported on sending 1 card and can be reached at harriet32934@yahoo.com
- Plant Sale Report – Marci McLean was not in attendance. A few plants were acquired by members.
- Door Prize Drawing – Charlotte Underwood - the plant went to Lisa Robinson.

Old Business:

Website

- Becky wants to know if the number of hits is available? Joyce will research and get an answer.
- Kathryn circulated to each member club an invoice for the agreed upon annual due from each member club. Fee of \$42 is due no later than April 3rd meeting.

Announcements:

SBGCA's next meeting will be April 3rd at the Fee Avenue Library, hosted by **Garden Club by the Sea**. The program is TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53. Lunch hosted by Beach Gardeners followed.