

Victoria Gardens Women's Club BOD Minutes
October 2, 2023
10:00 AM

Present: Susan McMahon, Ruth Chrismore, Joan Neumann, Rosie McKenna,
Lynn Reim, Gail Thomas, Nancy Greenfield, Connie Hampton,
Pat Martuscello

Absent: Laura Blackburn

Guest: Elise Saunders

Fundraising:

- Susan reported as of October 2nd, 79 tickets had been sold for The Spirited Event.
- Elise reported that she has a set of wine glasses and some wine that she will auction off to anyone who buys a ticket to the event before Friday October 13th. She also showed the board the pictures of the baskets for the event and was setting up the board for presale raffle tickets starting this week. The board voted to have the raffle tickets sold 5 tickets for 10 dollars, and 15 tickets for 20 dollars. Members of the board signed up to sell tickets at upcoming events at the clubhouse before The Spirited Event. Baskets from the Friendship Branches are to be at the clubhouse on Saturday, October 21st by 1:00 PM.
- Susan reported that the menus for each station are coming along. Don has gotten donations. The beer and wine have also been donated. The Tasting Stations are Brew HAHA, Cordially Yours, Shot in the Dark, and Witchy Wine.
- Joan did a fabulous job on the Program/Brochure for The Spirited Event. Attendees will keep the Program/Brochure with them throughout the evening. After each tasting station, they will get a stamp. If they receive a stamp at each station, they will get a raffle ticket which will be a different color for a chance at the basket donated by John Knox.
- The Spirited Event was covered in the recent Neighbors Magazine.
- Roberta O'Neill and Cindy Cotto have been busy working on sponsors. They have quite a few 250 dollar ones. If people don't want to attend the event, they can still be a sponsor by going online and following the same process as purchasing tickets. They will receive a confirming email.

- Rosie is gathering volunteers for The Spirited Event for registration, the stations for stamping the programs, and servers. The ticket that attendees receive if they go to all four stations will be a different color. A basket provided by John Know will be the prize.
- Ruth reported that the wine pull is all set for The Spirited Event. She also reported that Romano was coming to visit the site for Casino Night on the afternoon of October 2nd. Kim and Julie were going to be available to review the site and discuss arrangements with him as well.
- Mahjong Madness is all set for January 9th. Bonnie has everything all ready.
- Beacon Center wants to meet with members of the BOD. Susan is going to meet with the new Director, as well as The Chairman of the Board. She will ask for their plans moving forward, structure of the organization, and funding. We are looking for a degree of confidence, and for our volunteers to feel safe returning. We have a responsibility to our members who donate to this organization.

Bylaws:

- Ruth reported that her committee was going through the bylaws, making notes, and would have a report ready for the BOD by January.

Charitable Action:

- Rosie reported that her team was proceeding with the needs assessment of the charities we donate to at this time.
- Flyers have been made for volunteer opportunities. Friendship Branches have adopted some agencies.
- Nancy commented on the flyer and the spreadsheet Suzie Hansen made of volunteer opportunities available to all members.

Treasurers Report:

- Gail reported that she is working with a Nonprofit Specialist.
- Gail provided handouts with information on Assets, and an Income Statement.

Program Events:

- Moment of Recognition is going to begin again. The October recipient will be Cheryl Sullivan for her work on the Giving Tree Project. Ellie Freund was a suggested recipient for November.

- Lynn reported that the October 11th sign up was slow. November's meeting is on a Tuesday (November 7th). It will be Pepper's Fashion Show. Pepper's will also be selling clothes, etc. in the hallway. December 13th is the Holiday Luncheon and will feature The Antique Roadshow. Members may bring an item that they know nothing about and have it evaluated. Nancy Maynard will be playing holiday music on the piano at the event.

Membership:

- Connie reported that membership is growing. She and her committee have been delivering name tags and coffee mugs to new members.
- Ellie is doing thank you notes.
- Nancy reported that a Friendship Branch has dissolved, and any openings should be filled by going through Nancy.
- A January Tea for New Members is being planned.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Patricia Martuscello
 Victoria Gardens Women's Club Secretary

October Membership Report

Victoria Gardens Women's Club

Membership has been working on Name tags. Attempting to get everyone a name tag as quickly as possible. Along with the name tag my team is delivering the name tag with a Victoria Gardens Women's Coffee mug. Great team!!

Director Connie has been sending out THANK YOU's (emails) (compliments of Joan Neumann's artistic production) to new and renewed members. Some members of VGWC didn't open their attachment and thought they needed to pay their dues.

I am currently attempting to fill in all the blanks on our membership role.

Ellie Freud and I are working together sending out cards to people who need encouragement of some kind. (Healing, Loss, etc.)

Publicity Director's Report – September 2023

Membership Renewal and New Members Email Postcard
Casino 2024 Save The Date
Spirited Event Save The Date
Spirited Event Registration Flyer
Spirited Event Open to All Flyer
Spirited Event 4-Panel Program (still working on it)
Signs for each Spirited Event Raffle Basket
Spirited Event Sponsor Flyer (working on it now)
Volunteer Opportunities – Starke Elementary & The Neighborhood Center
October 11th WC Program Flyer – Shoestring Theater

Joan

Friendship Tree Branch

Our team is working on getting the Baskets ready for The Spirited Event. We will begin selling raffle tickets the week of October 1. Elise Saunders is heading the Basket organization.

We have a new Branch, Dogwood, headed by Karla Johnson. First event is October 11.

We are also doing some reorganization of another Branch. More on that at a later date.

Darlene Cross is looking into a calendar for the Branch Leaders other than the one on the Website.

Nancy

Charitable Action Report

Successful back to school clothing purchased for Family
Renew children

Progress made on Friendship Branch
partnerships with charitable agencies

Progress made with A-Team meetings
with agencies: Team vetted Family Renew; Neighborhood
Center; COA and local schools.

Volunteer opportunities and application
process are being developed by A-Team
with COA Senior Centers in Orange City
and Deltona; Starke and Blue Lake

Elementary Schools and Neighborhood
Center.

VGWC Program Committee Update

1. Low numbers so far for October 11 program.
Susan sent a blast out to membership as a reminder to sign up by this Wednesday!
2. November 7 (Tuesday) is looking good with “Peppers Boutique” doing a Fashion Show! They will have their clothes and accessories displayed and for sale in the hallway leading to the Vine starting at 12:30 – 2:45.
Also may continue selling when program is finished!

Doors to Ballroom open at 2:25 with Pepper starting show at 3:15.
Red and white wine, Ice Tea, cheese and cracker plate and chocolates will be served.

3. December 13 Holiday Luncheon

Our “Antique Roadshow” speaker, Kathleen Guzman, will allow our members to bring 1 item that they know “nothing “ about, she will choose some of them for her to appraise.

Kathleen will also bring film clips of funny things that have happened on the show.

Nancy Maynard has also offered to play some holiday music!

Lynn Reim