

Victoria Gardens Women's Club Minutes
March 2, 2023

Attendees: Laura Blackburn, Ruth Chrismore, Susan McMahon, Lynn Reim, Rosie McKenna, Darlene Cross, Elise Saunders, Barbara Solis, Connie Hampton, Nancy Greenfield, Joan Neumann, Pat Martuscello

NOTE: Future meeting times for the board meetings will be at 10:00 AM

March Moment of Recognition

Jackie Donnelly wasn't at the meeting that the board was going to recognize her, so she will be recognized at the March Stetson tour. Connie suggested that Maureen D. be recognized in the future because she took care of the mugs for new members.

March Luncheon

We are all set for our tour of Stetson University and the lunch. People that are in a carpool will meet at the clubhouse. New directions have been sent out to all the members. Student guides will meet us in front of The Rinker Center. After a 30-minute presentation we will be divided into groups for the tour followed by lunch. The Ukrainian Students and a Professor will be our guests. Helen Lanza made pins for us to wear, and we will get them when we register.

Casino Night

Elise reported that it was a huge success. At the last-minute Romano was unable to attend due to illness. We had a new person in charge. The signage was not as satisfactory as we would have liked, next year we will do that ourselves. The slot machines weren't working very well. The food was excellent, and attendees were thrilled that members of the VGWC were servers. It was discussed that perhaps we could do away with the signature drink and stick with beer and wine. The prizes were excellent, and a huge hit! The lottery boards were a huge hit with everyone. All the pit bosses commented on the decorations, saying they were the best that they had ever seen. It was mentioned that we were overpromised on some things, and we might want to research other companies that would be available. We need to start checking them out as well as put out a Save The Date for next year's event. Laura shared some feedback that she received, best event ever! We will discuss this further at our March 20th reboot session because some sponsors said they'd like to have a year's notice. Susan said she'd lead the project plan.

Susan presented the budget and \$16,555.00 was raised on Casino night. Susan proposed that we give the Beacon Center \$20,000 dollars even. Rosie made a motion to donate 20,000 to the Beacon Center. It was seconded by Ruth Chrismore. Everyone was in favor. A check will be presented to the Beacon Center immediately, and at the April 19th meeting we will have a photo op, as well as send a Save the Date notice. That meeting will be in the evening from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. It is open to the community.

Fall Fund Raising

The Fashion Show meeting in November will be a fund raiser. Nancy suggested that each branch be responsible to provide a themed basket to be raffled off. This will also include a 50/50 raffle, and margaritas from 3-5:00 PM.

Rosie, Ruth, and Pat will organize a Turkey Trot in the community in November, as well. This idea came about after Darlene noted that Advent Health volunteered to be a sponsor for a health orientated event.

On March 20th at the Reboot we will continue a discussion about monthly meetings being luncheons, or evening events.

Shred Event

The shred event is all set for Saturday, March 11th. The whole community is invited. Signage, trucks, and tents are all in place.

Mahjong Madness

Sign up is available on the web. Laura is going directly to the other communities to get events advertised. Money from this event will be for Family Renew Back to School items.

Sunshine

Rosie reported this will continue to develop through the branches. If people hear anything they will go to block captains, and they will report to branch leaders.

Membership

Connie is organizing a New Member Wine/ Cheese get together in the Multipurpose room on March 29th or 30th from 7-9:00PM. There will be about 40 people, new members plus the board. Joan is making invites, and Connie's committee is hand delivering them. A renewal membership campaign will begin in April and May. It will include a telephone campaign and visits to the exercise classes.

Storage Closet Update

An access list has been made available to cut down on "borrowing". Board members can access the unit at Morning Star Storage. Susan and Helen have keys.

PNC Bank

The board made a motion to replace Patricia Raberia with Patricia Martuscello as recording secretary. The motion was unanimously passed and seconded by Joan Neumann.

NOTES:

Dancing Through the Decades is March 31st from 6-10PM at the Ocean Center. Let Susan know if you would like to attend.

Nancy is working on resources to help us with the Facebook Page.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Martuscello, Recording Secretary for VGW

Publicity Director's Report for March 2, 2023 Board Meeting

Created the following:

Casino Picture Collage
Neighborhoods Magazine Casino Article Draft
Mahjongg Madness 2 Save The Date
Mahjongg Madness 2 Registration Flyer
New Members Meet & Greet
Casino Night Party Program
Charity Poster
Casino Sponsor Logo Sheet
Charity Raffle Flyer
Shredding Event & Food Drive flyer & poster
Stetson University Lunch & Tour

Joan Neumann

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Membership Director's Report March 2023

- We continue to get new members thanks to the communication that is going on with our members to their friends and neighbors.
- New T-Shirt order will be going in soon. LOGO Store couldn't give us a better price.
- We have aprons from the Casino Night that can be purchased, or we can save them for another event.
- This item might need to be voted on:

New Members Tea date is being worked on. Invitations are being designed by Joan and my committee is ready to deliver door to door. A Wine and Cheese event to show our appreciation to our new members. During the evening I would like members of the board to present a short welcome and explain the mission of their area. This hopefully will entice ladies to sign up for the different committees. Joan is working on signup sheets to have available to guests.

- My committee is working on a plan of action to follow up with new members as they join. A call, visit, email or some type of personal

communication. Adopt a plan so that they know we care and are interested in them.

- April starts the drive for new members. We (my committee) will be working on keeping members and attempting to reinstate members from previous years. Membership drive ideas: a call to previous members, ways to include the working group of women, and connect with residents as they participate in activities at the clubhouse. We are going to utilize a theme around M & M's. M & M's Means Membership and Me!!! (Thanks Nancy)

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- Maureen Dube has been the "Mug Lady" for 4 years and has resigned so we need to discuss our next step for welcoming new members. She has also left my committee.
 - Name tags are being delivered ASAP to new members thanks to the LOGO Store downtown DeLand who also produced our aprons for the Casino night.
 - We need to discuss the presentation of Jackie Donnelly's Moment of Recognition. We voted in August for her to receive this award in September and she was unavailable. We discussed it again in November Board meeting. She hasn't received her certificate or "Moment" to this date.



BOARD REPORT FOR FRIENDSHIP TREE PROGRAM 3/2/2023

Our Branches continue to plan and experience lots of enjoyable programs.

We collected from the leaders lists of what their various activities have been and what is planned for the Spring.

Two of our Branches have been working with The Neighborhood Center decorating for Spring Holidays.

I went to a meeting of the Membership Committee to plan a Wine and Cheese / Meet and Greet for new members in March.

The Friendship Branch team felt that we could improve the Branch Membership form. I did that and gave it to Connie Hampton to review.

Our Team met to plan our Thank You event for the leaders. The date is Monday, June 5th at 3 PM. It will be a Hawaiian Theme.

We are awaiting final approval from the Clubhouse and then we will send out a Save the Date email.

CHARITABLE ACTION COMMITTEE - JUNE 2022 BUDGET AND DONATION UPDATE														
Donation Allocations - Assumptions no Fundraising	Donation Request	Donation Approved	Donations Applied to Date	Remainder						VGWC 2021-22 Fiscal Year Charitable Budget Proposal				
Family Renew	5000	3000	1875.59	1124.41	5000					Budget - assumes Fundraising				
Good Samaritan	0	0	0							Current Balance less Reserves	22,900.00			

Visitati on House	1100	1100	1100	0	1100					Fundra ising Budge t	10,000.00			
COA	3000	2750	2750	0		300 0				2021- 22 Fiscal Charit able Budge t	32,900.00			
Blue Lake Elemen tary	500	0		0				500						
Halifax Hospic e	1000	0		0				1000		Budge t - assum es No Fundr aising				
Neighb orhood Center - Bridge	6000	3500	3500	0	6000					Curren t Balanc e less Reserv es	22,900.00			
Scholar ship Fund	5000	5000	5000	0			5000			No Fundra ising	0.00			
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- a. VG Women's and Men's clubs will once again host an on-site Shred event. Event will be held outside on the clubhouse parking lot. A mobile Shred truck will be available to shred documents as they are dropped off. We are asking residents to provide donations of non-perishable food in exchange for document shredding.
 - b. Date is Saturday, March 11 19-11. Food Donations to benefit The Neighborhood Center
 - c. Poster will be displayed at clubhouse, and flyer included in Newsletter to all VG residents.
 - d. Judy Agamie is leading this effort for the women and organizing volunteers. Please let Judy or myself know if you would like to help.
- ii. Agency Updates**
- a. **Council on Aging of Volusia County (COA) – Ellen Haynes, VGWC Relationship Manager**
 - i. Looking for folks who love to dance and have fun to attend the Dancing Through the Decades event. VGWC is entitled to a table of guests based on our sponsorship contribution. We are again a \$2500 Salsa level sponsor at their annual fundraiser, Dancing Through The Decades, Friday, March 31 6:00-10:00 at Daytona Beach's Ocean Center. Please contact Ellen Haynes or Susan McMahan if you would like to attend.
 - b. **Neighborhood Center – Cindy Netherton, VGWC Relationship Manager**
 - i. It was suggested the branches be involved to assist with communication of opportunities and branch support of time and talent. Ruth Chrismore is leading this initiative, with tech support provided by Dacia Jackson. More to come very soon!
 - c. **The Beacon Center – Elaine Kozakis, VGWC Relationship Manager**
 - i. Angie Pye spoke at the Casino night and spent the evening with all the guests. We are excited to announce we will contribute \$20,000 towards much needed ongoing renovations at the shelter. Thanks to all who supported the Casino Night and helped make it such a wonderful success.
 - d. **FBH Community (formerly: Food Brings Hope) – Marilyn Harraman, VGWC Relationship Manager**
 - i. We have connected with Deland Middle School and will become sponsors in supporting an at risk teen program. Kickoff is March 3 to meet the 6 grade students, most of whom were in a similar program in grade school. Donations of puzzles, adult/teen coloring books and supplies, card games (Uno, Yahtzee, Board Games) and snacks have been requested in support of this program. Volunteer opportunities will become available for mentors, chaperones, speakers, career counseling.
- iii. In-Kind Donations Update**
- a. VG Charitable Relationship Managers have begun to reach out to branches who have adopted their agency with requests as needed. As always, the branch members are responsive and generous in their giving! Thank you to everyone for your support!
 - b. If any member is interested in donating in-kind items and not in a branch please reach out to Susan McMahan to learn more

