

Victoria Gardens Women's Club Minutes
August 24, 2023

Present: Susan McMahon, Nancy Greenfield, Joan Neumann, Connie Hampton, Ruth Chrismore, Elise Saunders, Pat Martuscello

Absent: Rosie McKenna, Lynn Reim, Laura Blackburn, Gail Thomas

Fund Raising Events:

- Elise attended the meeting to report on the baskets for the Spirited Event on October 21, 2023. All branches need to have their baskets completed and delivered to Elise by October 2nd. This is so she can take pictures of each one and display them on a large presentation board with a list of items in each basket. There will also be envelopes under each picture to put presale raffle tickets. As raffle tickets are sold at different events before October 21st, Elise will pick up the raffle tickets and hang on to them until The Spirited Event. Raffle tickets will be one ticket for ten dollars, and three tickets for twenty dollars. You do not need to be present to win.
- Susan reported that a "passport" is being created to give participants at The Spirited Event. At each station, they will listen to the vendor, enjoy appetizers, and get a stamp at the station. If they complete all four spirit stations, they will receive a raffle ticket to place in the envelope for the basket of their choice.
- Susan shared the menu for The Spirited Event: the beer tasting station will have pretzel bites with a beer cheese sauce, the red wine station will have mini Wellington puff pastries, the white wine station will have cucumbers topped with datil pepper, and herb pesto cream cheese with shrimp, the cordial station will have mousse with baileys whip cream or cream de mint, the brown liquor station will have sticky bourbon chicken skewers, and the white liquor station will have mozzarella, tomatoes tortellini appetizer skewers. The food and spirits are being donated by Chaney Brothers, US Foods, Republic National, and CBI. It's been suggested that these company logos appear on the flyer as well as our website. There will be stand up cocktail tables, and members of the Women's club serving appetizer. The front of the room will be The Wine Pull table, and baskets for the raffle will be in the back. Cindy Coto has also booked a trio for background music for the event.
- Ruth reported on The Wine Pull Table. She has a committee of herself, Dacia Jackson, and Judy Agamie. Ruth will speak with the owner of The Elusive Grape to see if he will donate some bottles of wine. The tickets will be twenty dollars a pull.
- Ruth reported on the status of Casino Night in February. Romano is coming to the clubhouse for an onsite visit. One of the big questions is the issue with the slot machines. They need to be working better this year. The multipurpose room will be the BINGO site, and if you win a game, you will get a free raffle ticket. Roberta O'Neil and Cindy Coto are gathering sponsors, making sure we do not duplicate them for different events.

- VGWC Mahjong Madness will be in January with a Mardi Gras theme. The committee is working on decorations, etc. The multipurpose room will be for the lunch. This is open to the community.

Bylaws:

- Ruth reported that she and her committee members, Gail Thomas and Carla Johnson are going through the bylaws article by article. They have copies of the bylaws that were revised in 2021. They will be working on questions such as, how long do we keep documents, and what documents do we keep? Laura will be very instrumental with this project.

Beacon Center Training Update:

- The training scheduled for September has been postponed due to funding difficulties as well as staff changes.
- We don't have a new date yet.
- Fingerprinting does not have to be redone.

September Luncheon:

- Someone from The Neighborhood Center will be there to give a brief talk.
- Please wear your VGWC T-Shirt if you have one.
- Connie and her committee will be on hand for membership sign up.
- Joan suggested copies of the 2023-2024 calendar be available.

Membership:

- Connie reported that 53 people have not renewed their membership. Connie and her committee will call the people that they know to remind them about the dues payment.

Sunshine:

- Nancy reported that there is a meeting with all the branch leaders on September 30th. Rosie, Elise, and Nancy will be speaking.
- Darlene Cross will send Laura a list of branch events to be posted on the WC calendar.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Martuscello, Victoria Gardens Secretary

Our team has met and we're busy getting ready for the August 30th Leader's Meeting. Elise Saunders and I met with Cindy Coto to "talk baskets" for the October fundraiser. Darlene Cross is working with Laura to set up the calendar for the Branches.

Nancy Greenfield

Created: Back to School Drive Collage for website and The Voice Newsletter.

Joan

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Membership Director is continuing to pick up applications and have them added to our membership directory (Thanks Laura)

Name tags are being ordered and delivered with coffee mugs by my committee members.

My committee met Tuesday August 22 at my home and discussed the possibility of having another welcome event for our new members. The consensus is to have it early in the year to create a better awareness of our club projects and give them time to become more active during the entire year. (Need a Vote)

Thanks to Susan and Gail for getting our account straightened out at The Logo Store.

Thanks to my committee for their work delivering items to new members and calling members about renewing their membership.

Committee Members: Sherry McCann, Johnny Thornett, Laura Gosper, Maureen Hirten, Ann Shanley, Barbara Solis, Joann Grabowski, Nancy Greenfield, and Sara Green

Presently we have 53 members who need to renew. As I am typing I had a new resident deliver her application.

We have T-Shirts for sale.