

MINUTES
VICTORIA GARDENS WOMEN'S CLUB BOD
June 29, 2023

ATTENDEES: Rosie McKenna, Lynn Reim, Gail Thomas, Susan McMahon, Connie Hampton, Nancy Greenfield, Ruth Chrismore

2nd Annual Casino Night: The contract has been signed and date, February 10, 2024, locked in with Romano from Casino Nights Florida, Inc. There will be additional tables for Texas Hold 'Em and possibly other poker games in the Library. Ticket prices will be \$85/person and we are looking to max out ticket sales at 250.

New this year will be Bingo in the Multi-purpose Room by Jeff at Bingo Entertainment for the cost of \$150. Our goal is \$20,000 after expenses.

Ruth will contact Romano to set a date for an onsite visit from Romano.

All board members will be part of the Fundraising Committee with meetings to be on each 3rd Monday beginning July 17. Susan passed out promotional materials to each board member and she will request that Joan Neumann include all charities supported by VGWC before they are used.

Membership Drive Report: Connie reported that her committee is meeting regularly and 6 new members joined in the last few weeks. Renewals are coming in regularly as well.

Spirited Event Fundraiser October 21, 2023: New fundraiser utilizing contacts from Food and Beverage Manager Don Burke. He indicated his vendors may be amenable to providing food and beverages for the Event. Rosie will be meeting with him in the near future.

Goal is \$10,000 after expenses and will be a "spirited" sampling of different beers, liquors, and wines as well as appetizers provided by the Vine. It was decided that the donated dessert table will not be utilized for this event.

All branches will be asked to provide a basket (or other container) with items based on a theme: ie: Spa, beach, coffee, etc. All will be asked to provide a "spirit" that corresponds to their theme. Baskets will be raffled in silent auction near the end of the event. Nancy Greenfield will have someone from her committee reach out to Jean Burke to see if she will oversee the basket collection and presentation.

It was discussed to include a wine pull using donated wines to raise additional funds but this will depend on discussion with Don.

Lifestyles Manager, Kim, provided some names of entertainers/groups for the evening.

Charitable Sponsorship – The Neighborhood Center Wine to Water. VGWC donated \$2500 to this event and this provides for two VIP tickets to attend the event. Rosie, Chair of the Charitable Actions committee will decide on who will represent VGWC at the event, held at Granville Farms in Lake Helen this year.

Sunshine Connection Report: Cards are being mailed out to neighbors experiencing illness or the loss of a loved one as they are provided to the committee.

VGWC Website email status: Laura is making great progress on the website to make it user friendly and informational for the club. Branches may now upload activities and pictures of their activities as well as their annual calendar for outings.

It was determined at the previous meeting that another software or application such as Constant Contact will not be necessary for communications by board members. Since Laura is away for the month, more discussion next month.

Board Meeting dates: will be moving to the first Monday of each month (except months where a holiday falls on Monday) instead of Thursday beginning October 2. Members were advised to note the changes provided for the August and January meetings.

990 Report/Tax Advisor Update: Gail is checking previous year's tax reporting to determine if the correct form was filed with the IRS based on amount of funds in the checking account. She will check with a tax expert knowledgeable in 501(c) 3 organizational tax filings. If necessary amended forms will be filed with the IRS.

VGWC Monthly Calendar Update: Nancy will notify all branch leaders to update their calendars on the website.

VGWC and Lifestyles sponsored Back to School Drive: Lifestyles and VGWC will work together on a community wide drive for children gearing up to go back to school. In addition to the clothing drive for Family Renew, lists were provided for our other charities and notices will go out in notices to the entire community to provide requested items at drop off dates that will be provided by the clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Chrismore for Pat Martuscello