

Victoria Gardens Women's Club
Board of Director's Meeting
November 1, 2022

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

- I Clubhouse Staff Gifts / Laura – Laura led a discussion concerning staff holiday gifts. It was determined that all current staff members, excluding Evergreen Management, will receive a monetary gift of equal value.
- II December “Moment of Recognition” / Laura – Helen Lanza will be recipient
- III December Luncheon Event Status / Lynn– To date 90 guests have registered and will set room up for 100. Vendors will arrive at 9:15am and the school children will receive a Chick fil A gift card as a thank you. Rosie and/or Nancy will speak about the new Sunshine Connection. The Giving Tree drop-off date is the same day as the luncheon.
- IV Casino Party Report / Elise & Darlene – Sponsors needed to pay for event. If anyone has any business connections, please let Darlene or Elise know. There are many prizes collected including an Adventure Package including: scuba and sky diving, golf tree (rounds of golf), restaurants and an Airbnb. A meeting will be held on December 13th with committee members.
Mah Jongg Madness Event / Elise – Bonnie indicated that all is ready for the December 5th event with one item for the silent auction. An evaluation sheet will be distributed after the event. Bonnie indicated that she is willing to lead another event in 2023.
- V LDI Director Update, Needs, Plans / Rosie – Still looking for a few good women to serve. Meeting new people at lunches.
- VI Charities Director / Susan – Need smaller initiatives that can be accomplished with more lead time. The Relationship Managers are in touch with each charity and are getting clarification of their requests. Have learned needs for next year that can easily be planned ahead of time: October-Halloween candy and costumes; holiday cards for COA; Volusia Basket Brigade boxing up Thanksgiving dinners and purchasing turkeys for the Neighborhood Center.
Annual Giving Tree is up and running with Cheryl Sullivan doing an outstanding job. Drop-off days are December 14th and 15th. Recipients of gifts are: Council on Aging, Family Renew, Neighborhood Center – Bridge residents, Guardian ad Litem and Visitation House.
The Family Renew playground was purchased by the Women's Club and the installation was comped by the installers. The Men's Club was a huge help with the clean-up, etc. Mulch is ready to go in and new cushions were purchased by Susan.
- VII Sunshine Connection Update / Rosie – Ready to launch with Darcia acting as administrator. Will pass out handouts at luncheon. Seeking two branch coordinators from each Friendship Branch.
- VIII Block Captain Status / Connie – 33 Street Captains in place ready for next steps. Discussed difference between Sunshine Connection and Street Captain roles.
- IX Facebook Status / Nancy – Facebook on hold until after the New Year.
- X HOA Updates / Laura – 17 Board candidates are submitting their resumes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am

Director's Reports following:

VGWC Program Committee December Update – 12/1/22

December 14 "Holiday Luncheon"

1. Gurrs & Purrs: for all your pet needs
2. Local Style House: Ladies and Men's Clothing and Accessories
3. Nejma's Boutique from New Smyrna
4. Vera Rekstad Designs: Art Glass Jewelry Dichroic Glass Jewelry Mosaic Shell Art

Entertainment by: Jeff Leder, Director of "The Millennium Musicians", and a group of his students who attend the Community Music School for the Arts in Deland, will perform some holiday songs and popular current songs too. All students will receive a "goodie bag" from us for their good work!

January 11 program: "Envision Explore Embrace"

Your "IT" Woman.....Make "IT" Happen!

Cindy Brummitt (our exercise, nutrition and motivation expert will start our New Year off right with some great health and exercise tips).

Lynn Reim

Charitable Action Committee for Dec. 1, 2022 Board Meeting

- i. Annual Giving Tree
 - i. Tags were placed on the trees 11/21 and already many have been taken and will be returned as wrapped gifts. Don't forget to get your tags. Drop off days at the clubhouse are 12/14 and 15.
- ii. Agency Updates
 - a. Council on Aging of Volusia County (COA)
 - i. Ellen is organizing a holiday party at the Orange City Senior Center and our very own "VG Line Dancers" are performing.
 - b. Family Renew
 - i. Rainbow Wooden Playground playset has been installed. Installation was donated by the playground company. Next step is to install borders and mulch. Back yard is coming along nicely.
 - ii. Master Gardner group is ready to start planting in the raised garden boxes and work with the residents on learning gardening
 - c. Neighborhood Center
 - i. VGWC branches and individuals donated 30 turkeys for family holiday food boxes
 - d. The Beacon Center
 - i. We are looking at new opportunities to get involved. If you are interested in teaching a simple cooking class, financial literacy or basic computer and resume writing please reach out to Elaine Kozakis or Susan McMahon
 - e. FBH Community (formerly: Food Brings Hope)
 - i. VGWC branches and individuals donated 6 thanksgiving boxes to the Volusia County Basket Brigade, providing Thanksgiving meals to families. One member helped to deliver some of the boxes in our area.
- iii. In-Kind Donations Update
 - a. Branches have been assigned their charity to adopt and help support throughout the year. They may be contacted by the VGWC relationship manager for the charity with special requests.
 - b. If any member is interested in donating in-kind items and not in a branch please reach out to Susan McMahon to learn more

Publicity/Club Support Report for December 2022 Board Meeting

Set-Up Fall Envelope Raffle with Laura and Selected Winner with Laura & Barbara

Created the following flyers:

November Lunch Flyer

December Lunch Flyer

Casino Event Flyer to Attract Sponsors

Charity Poster for General Use

Mah Jongg Last Call to Register

Mah Jongg Madness News

Mah Jongg Score Sheet

Mah Jongg Auction Bid Sheet

Joan Neumann

DECEMBER BOD REPORT FOR THE FRIENDSHIP TREE BRANCHES

1. EACH BRANCH HAS RECEIVED THEIR ASSIGNMENT FOR THE " ADOPT A CHARITY" PROGRAM.
2. SEVERAL BRANCHES PARTICIPATED IN COLLECTING FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS THROUGH FOOD BRINGS HOPE.
3. LEADERS WERE ASKED TO CHOSE A COORDINATOR FROM THEIR BRANCH FOR THE SUNSHINE CONNECTION PROGRAM.
4. HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES ARE HAPPENING AS THE BRANCHES ARE HAVING LUNCHEONS AND PARTIES .

Nancy Greenfield

Membership Report - Connie Hampton

- Membership continues to sell T-Shirts
- Membership continues to order, pick up and deliver name badges to new members.
- Inventory of T-shirts is down. Going to check with another t-Shirt vendor
- I continue to engage my committee to be present at meetings with their smiles on their lovely faces.
- I continue to encourage my committee to be active.
- Street captains haven't met each other but I am receiving requests for cards for illness, other related health issues and deaths. Cards are being sent out to members when requested.
- I am volunteering for the mahjong tournament to allow me time to meet other members.