

Victoria Gardens Women's Club Minutes
August 3, 2023

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

Meeting Schedule: Usually the first Monday of the month at 10:00 AM. Due to vacation schedules, the next meeting is on August 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Fund Raising:

- Susan reported on the Spirited Event to be held on Saturday, October 21 from 5:30-7:30 PM at the clubhouse.
- Susan, Rosie, and Cindy Coto met with Don. There will be 4 stations: beer, wine, cordials, and spirits. Each station will have vendors talking about their products during the tasting. Paired appetizers will be served. A "passport" type of idea is being discussed.
- There will be a wine pull table. The committee is trying to get bottles of wine donated. Each board member is asked to donate a nice bottle of wine or spirit.
- Cindy Coto is looking at background music for entertainment at the event.
- "Spirit" related baskets are being donated by the Friendship Branches with a value of at least \$100.00 each. Raffle tickets will be sold.
- Rosie suggested we partner with Lifestyles to sell raffle tickets to all residents. They could be sold in the clubhouse.
- The Neighborhood Center is the recipient of the profits, \$10,000 is our goal.
- A representative from The Neighborhood Center is speaking at the September luncheon to generate support.

Casino Night:

- Ruth is following up with Romano.
- Darlene is working on sponsors.

Membership:

- The current membership count is at 211.
- The concept of creating a directory has been tabled at this point.
- Connie and her committee are sending out postcards thanking people for joining, or rejoining. These were created by Joan.
- There will be a membership table at the September luncheon.

Charitable:

- We are again a sponsor for The Neighborhood Center to the Wine to Water fundraiser. Pat, Suzie Hansen, Jo Pritchett, and Cindy Netherton will attend.
- The Charitable Advisory Committee has met.

- The collection of Back-to-School Supplies coordinated with Kim, of Lifestyles, was a huge success.
- Rosie, Suzie, and Lynn delivered supplies to the two Elementary Schools and the Middle School. Twenty-five backpacks filled with school supplies were also delivered.

VGWC Website:

- Laura continues to handle general maintenance.
- Pictures are being gathered for a slide show for the luncheons.
- VCWG.org domain name has been renewed.
- There will be a membership update at the end of September.
- Darlene Cross is working with branch leaders to submit event/activities to Laura to create an online calendar.

Treasurer Report:

- Gail reviewed the new look of our financial statements and reported on the June 2023 income and expense reports. She explained that the VGWC is on a cash basis.
- The income statement will be posted online.
- Gail is in the process of working with a Non-Profit CPA Specialist to help us with our 990EZ reporting for the fiscal year.

Other:

- Ten to twelve VGWC members have volunteered to attend a 3-day session to acquire state certification to be able to work at the Beacon Center. Beacon Center is paying for finger printing, and background checks.
- Beacon center is also looking for volunteers to go to court and take notes for clients. This does not require certification.
- On the training days, September 18th -20th the VGWC will provide donuts, coffee and lunch to those who are participating. Connie, Joan, and Pat will help deliver/serve lunches.
- Laura will continue to bring event flyers for events to the front desk, on the bulletin board and sign-up sheets for those people that pay by check.
- Lynn's Program Committee requested that raffle tickets for the 50/50 at the luncheon be changed to, one ticket for \$5.00, and three tickets for \$10.00.

Reports to Follow

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

Friendship Tree Board Report for August

The Steering Committee for the Branches is meeting Monday, August 7. This includes Elise Saunders, Darlene Cross and Joan Neumann

The Branch Leaders are meeting on Wednesday, August 30 th.

A letter was sent out to the leaders to tell them about the plan for their Branch to make a basket for A Spirited Event. Ideas were given to them And they were asked to let me know their choice. So far we have an Italian Basket and an Anniversary Basket. A reminder will be sent shortly.

Our 11 Branches are filling up and while some are taking a Summer Break , others are still meeting monthly.

Nancy Greenfield

2023 Charitable Action Committee July Report

- First CAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 10:00 in MPR.
- 2023 CAC meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 in MPR...(some exceptions will occur due to schedule conflicts)
- An Advisory Team has been selected from the membership by the CAC Director. This team will play a leadership role by guiding and offering recommendations for programs, projects and events related to the VGWC CAC and its director. This team will concentrate on agency connections, volunteer coordination, Sunshine Connection, Fund Raising Events and various Pop-Up drives throughout the year.

- Lifestyles Director, Kimberly Mercado, approached the VGWC and asked us to partner with her for a “Back to School” Supplies Drive. A successful drive was publicized and conducted from July 10 to July 27 in a similar manner to the Annual Giving Tree. Members and other residents generously donated significant amounts of products and money for The Beacon Center, Blue Lake and Starke Elementary and Deland Middle School.
- Cypress Branch members and other volunteers participated in a Day of Service and collected and sorted the supplies in preparation for delivery to recipients on July 26 and 27. Special thanks to Suzie Hansen who organized many details of this project.
- This “Pop-Up” project was brought to Susan McMahon and provided an excellent opportunity to partner with Lifestyles for a charitable effort. Kim and the clubhouse staff were very cooperative and helpful and both the VGWC CAC and Lifestyles look forward to future joint partnerships for our charitable actions.

The CAC looks forward to following the established programs and procedures developed by the former committee directed by Susan McMahon

I’ve created the following:

Spirited Event Flyer

Membership Postcard to be emailed: New Members and Renewals

September 13, 2023 Luncheon Flyer featuring the Marine Discovery Center

Joan Neumann

**TECH Director Report
BOD Meeting Aug 3 2023**

- Website updated with current minutes, financials as of May 31, will be updated for Jun 30 pending approval of new format and file type at BOD meeting
- September luncheon event live on web, tickets available
- Blast contact lists will be transferred to admin gmail account at Sep month end

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Membership Director:

- *Busy with name tags*
- *Busy with T-Shirts*
- *Busy tracking people down who are enjoying branches but haven't joined VGWC*
- *Busy tracking down people who have paid their dues twice*
- *Busy picking up membership applications*
- *Busy picking up and delivering Back to School supplies*

Thanks to Joan Neuman for the postcards that she has created for my committee to welcome new members and seasoned members.

Thanks to all who are sending me contacts for membership.