

VICTORIA GARDENS WOMEN'S CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

May 6, 2024

ATENDEES: Susan McMahon, Ruth Chrismore, Laura Blackburn, Gail Thomas,
Nancy Greenfield, Joan Neumann

ABSENT: Rosie McKenna, Lynn Reim, Connie Hampton, Patricia Martuscello

I Nominations-Upcoming Open Board Positions:

Candidates to date: Cindee Cullingford – Membership Director
Lindy Waters – Friendship Branch Director

Several suggestions were made to fill remaining positions (Program and Charitable Directors)

II. Program Update and Community Event:

Discussion about limiting the number of monthly luncheon meetings and adding free community events open to the entire Victoria Gardens Community.

Lunch time events: September featuring John Brown, News Anchor, Author & Inventor

December Holiday Party

Fashion Show

End of Year BBQ

Fundraisers: Mah Jongg Madness 4

Casino Night (possibly)

Free Events for the Community – educational presentations to be determined

Discussion on how we Give Back to the Community –

- Possibly clean out and organize the closets in the Clubhouse
- Purchase plants for the pots at Clubhouse entrance & gate
- Host Thank You event for entire community. Hire entertainer and supply snacks with cash bar

III. By-Laws – the new version is completed and will be sent out to all Board members – Thank you Ruth!

IV. Facebook Update: Susan reported that the Friendship Branches are supplying pictures from their activities. In order to access our Facebook page, you must be a resident of Victoria Gardens.

V. Membership Drive – Ongoing from April – May – To date we have #157 renewals

Cindee's committee will conduct an outreach to those prior members that have not renewed

VI. Friendship Branch Update: Nancy reported that two leaders have resigned and each branch has a replacement in place: Mary Jo Padula for Sherry McCann and Connie Hollingworth (and one other) for Karla Johnson

Thank you Nancy Greenfield, Elise Saunders and Darlene Cross for a very successful Friendship Branch Leader's BBQ.

VII. Charitable Action Update:

Costume jewelry was collected from our community for Starke Elementary School's Mother's Day gifts and jewelry that is left over earmarked for Blue Lake Elementary Holiday Store

Friendship Branch, Star Jasmine, decorated the Neighborhood Center's The Bridge

Maureen Dube would like to expand the Reading Program at Blue Lake Elementary School started by Karla Johnson

Karla Johnson is organizing the Teacher's Appreciation event

Halifax Bereavement Group – working on ways to help the children

During mid-June through July a collection of snacks will be solicited for Summer School at Blue Lake Elementary. There will be 450-500 students attending from several other schools

VIII. Financial Report – Gail Thomas

Month End April 2024 – Operating \$26,797.09 / Temporarily Restricted \$8,206.45 leaving a total of \$35,003.54

Susan asked Gail to gather total fundraising money raised and how it was distributed. This information will be used to create a new 2023-2024 Impact Statement showing how the Women's Club has invested in our community.

It was discussed to give \$100 per month to replenish the Koala Store.

Discussion on how to support the Men's Club Golf Outing - The VGWC will sponsor a a hole for \$250. There will be a ladies foursome attending the event.at \$125 per player. They will pay out of pocket for their participation.

IX. Technology Update: Laura is up-to-date with all information. She requested pictures from Susan from the Friendship Branch outings.

X. Sunshine Connection continues to be run by Connie and Rosie.

XI. **NEXT MEETING DATE CHANGED TO: June 10.** New Board Members will be invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted May 6, 2024 by:

Joan Neumann, Publicity Director
(for Pat Martuscello)

