

Victoria Garden's Womens Club
Board of Directors Meeting
September 9, 2024

Present: Susan McMahon, Laura Blackburn, Gail Thomas, Joan Neumann, Cindee Cullingford, Lindy Waters, Patricia Martuscello

Absent: Ruth Chrismore

Program Update:

- 120 people are signed up for the September luncheon. It will be the kickoff for the lottery ticket donations.
- Cindy Netherton is the recipient of this month's Make a Difference Award.
- Rosie McKenna will be speaking about volunteer opportunities.
- New members that have signed up since May, will be recognized.
- Susan met the speaker from The League of Women Voters that will be speaking at October's luncheon. The October Make a Difference recipient was approved.
- Pepper's Fashion show is the November monthly event.

Fundraising:

- Susan reported on the Casino Night meeting in August. Susan is continuing to try to get more sponsors so we can add a couple of gaming tables.
- Joan finished the Save the Date flyers for Casino Night and Marjonn Madness.

Financial Update:

- Gail reported we have \$22,457 in operating cash and a total of \$28,604 cash in the account, including \$6,148 temporarily restricted. Gail had erroneously put the moving expenses against NC-FES instead of Family Renew. The numbers reflect that change. Total cash remained the same. Only restricted money and operating cash were changed slightly.
- The board discussed the cost of monthly luncheons for each member. Moving forward tickets will include all fees such as gratuity. The Women's Club will pay \$50.00 for the beverage station and absorb the credit card fee.

Membership:

- Cindy reported that the total number of active members currently stands at 240.
- Badges have been ordered for new members.
- A New Member's Tea will take place sometime this fall.
- Cindee also reported that Rosie McKenna, Pat Martuscello, Susan McMahon, and Claudia Zimmerman will work at the Koala Store this month on September 18th at Starke Elementary.

Friendship Branch Update:

- Lindy reported that her committee has been very busy adding and deleting members in the 12 working Friendship Branches with approximately 216 members. The Cedar Branch is no longer viable.
- On Monday, September 16th her committee will host the initial Branch Leaders Orientation Meeting at the Clubhouse. Speakers including Susan McMahon, Rosie McKenna, Janice Keifer, Pat Saunders, and Sharon Cieszkiewicz will share information with the Branch Leaders regarding the VGWC – Friendship Branch connection, volunteering, The Sunshine Connection, Facebook participation, and communication through Branch Event opportunities.

Charitable Action:

- Susan reported that the Family Emergency Service building at the Neighborhood Center ribbon cutting ceremony was a huge success. The Women's Club provided items for the bedrooms, and the kitchen as well as the common area for the building.
- Kim, Rosie McKenna, and Madelyn from the Neighborhood Center are working closely on a Thanksgiving Food Drive. This will involve the whole community. Members of the community will take a card with items listed for a Thanksgiving Dinner with a gift card for a turkey. They will bring it back to the clubhouse, and Women's Club volunteers will assemble the meal kits. The Neighborhood Center will pick up the kits and distribute them.
- The Giving Tree dates have been confirmed with Kim. Daryl Coleman will be the leader this year. Daryl will form a committee moving forward.
- The Citizen's Police Department is looking to build a DeLand Police Memorial. Mike Dungan approached Susan for a donation. The board voted to give \$500.00.
- The Sixth Annual Empty Bowl of West Volusia County is again being held this year on Thursday, November 14th at The DeLand High School Cafeteria. The VGWC is sponsoring \$2,500 this year.

Sunshine Report:

- Lindy read a report from Janice Keifer.
- 36 people were assisted in 2023 in some form.
- So far in 2024 food has been provided for people, prescriptions picked up, mail collected, plants watered, dogs walked, food for funeral receptions provided, wellness visits, etc. More information on this will be presented to Branch Leaders on Monday, September 16th.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
 Patricia Martuscello
 Recording Secretary
 Victoria Gardens Women's Club

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We'll be available to share information, answer questions, and promote a positive vision for leaders to carry back to their Friendship Branch members.

Lindy Waters

Publicity Report:

I'm looking forward to another great year with all of you!

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AUGUST 2024 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Called last 25 members not renewed. Had to Leave messages for 10 ladies, 1 wrong number, 2 renewed, 2 moved & not joining, 8 not renewing, 2 maybe (Carol Caracciolo has a detached tendon)

Sent Ellie 3 cards to go out....Connie Hampton, Pat Martuschello, Carol Caracciolo

Ordered Badges for Carol Ryan, Carol Swarbrick-Dries, Frances Palacios & Alice Kinsey

It will be my first meeting as Membership Chairman & I Hope to have a New Membership table at monthly meeting on 9-11-24.