

AGENDA
VICTORIA GARDENS WOMEN'S CLUB BOD
June 2024 Minutes

Present:

Rosie McKenna, Lynn Reim, Susan McMahon, Connie Hampton, Nancy Greenfield, Ruth Chrismore, Lindy Waters, Cindee Cullingford

Absent:

Laura Blackburn, Joan Neumann, Pat Martuscello, Gail Thomas

BUSINESS MEETING DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Welcome New Board Members
 - Susan welcomed our two new Board Members, Cindee Cullingford and Lindy Waters. Cindee is joining as Membership Director and Lindy has accepted the role of Friendship Branch Director. Introductions were made and we are excited to have them on the team.
 - We expressed our gratitude once again to departing board members, Rosie McKenna, Lynn Reim, Connie Hampton and Nancy Greenfield. Thank you ladies for your service and continued support of VGWC.
- Program Update
 - Ruth Chrismore will take over the responsibilities of Program Director. She presented a tentative program calendar for board review. September through May, VGWC will host a monthly event. Events range from luncheons, fashion show, major fundraiser events and evening all VG community forums. A final program schedule will be available for final review at the August Board meeting and published to all members.
 - September luncheon planned for Wednesday, September 11, 11:30 – 1:30. John Brown Fox 35 Orlando News Anchor, Public Speaker and Radio Talk Show Host and author will speak on “Secret Orlando, A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful and Obscure”
- Thank You to the Community Event – Planned for July 24, 3:00 – 6:00. Live entertainment provided by VGWC, cash bar and open to all VG residents as a thank you for their support of our organizations and many initiatives.
- Fundraising Events – Susan kicked off a discussion to finalize board decision on whether to move forward with Casino Night as a major fundraiser. Board members shared their perspectives, challenges that come with putting on a major event, possible other alternatives, costs and overall support. After much discussion it was taken to a final vote, and with a vote of 7 for Casino Night and 1 against, it was decided to move forward with Casino Night. March 29, 2025 was set as the date for this event. A committee will be created to help with the planning. Susan, Ruth and Cindee will lead recruitment of a committee and begin planning immediately.
- Membership Drive Report -Renewal season was very successful. Laura will send out specific reminders to those who have not had a chance to renew as yet. Cindee will take over monitoring membership progress going forward, with Laura’s assistance.
- Friendship Branch Update – Nancy reported that branches continue to meet as we get into the summer months. Most branches are now well established. Lindy will take over monitoring of branches.
- Charitable Action Update – Rosie reported on recent volunteer efforts as we wind down the year. The Koala store at Edith I Starke Elementary was very successful and plans are in place to continue to lead this next year. The board approved \$100 budget per month to help restock items in the store. VGWC branch members hosted a teacher appreciation event at Blue Lake Elementary. And we continue to have members volunteering regularly at The Neighborhood Center. We just launched a School Snack Drive for Summer School at Blue Lake Elementary.
- Finance Update – May finance report was provided. After dues renewals, as of May 31, 2024 we have a balance of \$34,747.96 in the bank, \$8,006.58 temporarily restricted and earmarked for specific charities.