

Victoria Gardens Woman's Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2024

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

Special Meeting Topics

- 2024 dues: April 1<sup>st</sup> is the official start of the next year's dues. Dues pay for operating expenses. The discussion was held to raise the dues for next year. It was decided that we'd raise them to \$45.00 a year.
- A "Simply Sustaining" idea was introduced. This would be an optional way for members to make a monthly contribution to the VGWC. The discussion included using a credit card for a set amount each month, a check for the year, rewards for people who participated, use this idea plus one big fund raiser a year. It was also discussed that we would launch it at the April monthly meeting, perhaps come up with a new name for the program, and this money would be used for our charities only. The recognition of members that participate, and the idea in general was tabled for more discussion.
- The subject of events for next year was presented by Susan. Do we want to have Casino Night again, or the Spirited Event. We would need sponsors, and do we want two big events? Prizes vs baskets? All this will be discussed at the April meeting.
- Nominations for open positions on the board are being accepted: Program Chairman, Membership Chairman, Charitable Action Chairman, and The Friendship Chairman.

Program Update: Lynn Reim

- The March moment of recognition will go to Suzie Hansen.
- All our charities will be attending the meeting. Each will have a table set up in the ballroom with volunteers from the organizations available to answer questions and discuss volunteer opportunities. The Neighborhood Center, Halifax Hospice Children's Bereavement Program, Family Renew, COA Meals on Wheels, Starke Elementary School, and Blue Lake Elementary school are among the charities invited to participate. Charities will also be receiving checks from our fundraising.
- Lottery Board winners will also be drawn.

Charitable Action: Rosie McKenna

- Our income as of 1/2024 was \$33,540.
- As of 1/15/2024, \$1,7819 was paid out to charities.
- Remaining budget: \$15,721 plus \$500 contribution from the board, equals \$20,721 that is still available for the charities.
- \$7,500 will be going to the Neighborhood Center.

- 4,000 to the Elementary Schools, which we will hold in reserve.
- 4,000 to Halifax Hospice from the Mah Jongg Madness Event.
- 2,500 will go to COA Meals on Wheels.
- 2,000 to Family Renew (held in reserve).

By Laws: Ruth Chrismore

- An addition was made to the By Laws regarding the off site for storage for items collected to be donated to various charities.
- Members that have lived in the community and have moved to a nearby neighborhood are eligible for membership. They must pay dues and cannot serve on the board.
- Consider community input for board member nominees. Nominees need to be announced by the May meeting.
- The membership needs a notice of 30-day notice regarding changes in the By Laws.

Facebook:

- VGWC Facebook is up and running. Encourage members just need to “like” us on Facebook.

Membership Report: Connie Hampton

- The New Membership Tea was a huge success.
- Basketball outing is all set for March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Stetson if anyone is interested.
- Victoria Gardens Women’s Club t-shirts and aprons are for sale.
- Ellie continues to send cards to members.

Friendship Branches: Nancy Greenfield

- A new branch has been created.
- The leaders’ meeting went well.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> is the meeting to thank all the branch leaders.

Financial: Gail Thomas

- \$40,000 in the bank as of the end of February.
- Expenses to date are over \$12,000. After the charities receive their checks at the March meeting, we will have approximately \$20,000 left.
- Casino night brought in \$8,223.00.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 AM

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

## Publicity Report:

Prize Insert for Casino Night  
Membership Meet and Greet Invitation  
WC Volunteer Opportunities  
Mah Jongg Madness 3 Evaluation Form  
March 13 Charities Lunch Program

Joan Neumann

## Membership Director Report

March 2024

Meetings with my committee to create adoption lists for our new members  
Type up lists for distribution of adoptees to members  
Email information to members who couldn't be present  
Work with Joan Neuman on creating an invitation for the new member gathering  
Help committee members personally deliver invitations  
Email Committee members asking for reports on how invitations were received  
Email and Text new members for RSVP's  
Order name tags  
Pick up name tags  
Set up at meetings to sell aprons and T-shirts  
Set up an appointment with the Clubhouse staff to establish date, time and menu for the event.  
Attend New members gathering to present information about VGWC and introduce new members.

I am thinking this might be a good job description for the next Membership Director.

Respectfully submitted

Connie Hampton

## Friendship Branch Report

On February 9, we had a leaders meeting . We also invited some of the members of the Charitable Action Committee. The meeting went well and the leaders met with the relationship managers of their Charities.

We are beginning the planning of the Thank You event for the Leaders on April 29.

I met with 5 of the 6 ladies who are interested in joining a Branch that stays in the Gardens. They decided to be called the Palm Branch.

The meeting went well and they will meet again on April 12.

Nancy Greenfield  
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Program Report:

### March 13

We will have some representatives from our charities at the luncheon, 11:30 – 1:30, who will speak on the impact our VGWC fundraising has on their population.

Lynn Reim

#### Charitable Action Committee for February 2024

- Hosted volunteer director, Madelyn Rivest, from Neighborhood Center to meet with residents re volunteer opportunities. 26 in attendance....many expressed interest in learning more about participating.
- Met with branch leaders in hopes of clarifying the partnerships between branches and agencies. Many leaders met with agency reps for discussion. This effort has marginal success due to many factors. It may not be a worthwhile process for assisting charitable agencies. Some branches are enthusiastic while others remain clueless and not supportive. This has been very difficult to execute.
- Assisted with casino night

Assisted with defining monthly charitable financial contribution  
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