

Lake Placid Garden Club
PO Box 2193, Lake Placid, FL 33862
863 465 4331
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

February 5, 2025

9:30 AM

Lake Placid Masonic Lodge

102 N Main Ave, Lake Placid, FL 33852

ATTENDANCE

Sandra Rosch, Donna Ferchen, Vicki Maxwell, Ray Alderman, Sally Kinsey, Robin, Shear, Sue Rood, Sharon Diaz, Mary Meisenheimer, Jan Vednerjack, Jeannie Dietl, Jennifer Marsh, Mary Mihok, Stephanie Moreo, Marcia Price., Nick Price, Doris Rohner, Karen Denning, Laura Krumm, Deborah Gunderlock, Sherill Trevino.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Sandy Rosch and Ray Alderman demonstrated a wireless speaker system Ray did research on various systems before purchasing one that includes a headset, two clipon wireless speakers and a hand held microphone to serve various purposes of the Garden Club. Sandy and Ray conducted a question-and-answer period.

CALL TO ORDER

Sandra Rosch, President, called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. Sandra asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the demonstrated wireless speaker system.

A MOTION was made by Sherill Trevino and SECONDED by Sally Kinsey to approve the purchase of the wireless speaker system for \$829.32. The MOTION PASSED.

Ray will prepare a document explaining how to set up and run the speaker system. It can be used if Ray is not available for setup. Ray will also give a live class on its setup and usage at his home. The date will be determined later. Ray also ask for an audio committee to assist him with setup for the February 12 membership meeting. Stephanie Moreo and Debra Gunderlock will assist him.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Donna Ferchen, Treasurer gave the financial report ending January 31, 2025. The checking balance is \$6,277.22. The Vanguard Brokerage account balance is \$45,745.59. Vanguard interest for January was \$165.81. The club has earned \$1867 interest since the Vanguard account was first opened. There is \$200 cash in hand with total financial assets of \$52,222.81. The January financial report was accepted subject to audit.

FUTURE RENT BUDGETING – Report by Sandra Rosch

The Town Council meeting January 27 lacked a quorum. Therefore, it was postponed until February 10, at which time the council will be asked to set a date for a workshop to determine a rental charge for using the Government Center Community Room for meetings. Sandy Rosch has provided the Town Council a document with complete yearly synopsis of the Garden Club activities. She asked the Town Council for consideration of a low rent fee, since the Garden Club is a non-profit giving back to the community. She also asked for a 5-year contract. The current 5-year contract expires May 31, 2025.

FLORIDA SUN BIZ CERTIFICATION- Reported by Sandra Rosch

The renewal certification was submitted and accepted January 23, 2025. This certification puts the LPGC in compliance with IRS 501-C requirements. The fee was \$70.

HEARTLAND SAFETY DEPOSIT RENTAL – Reported by Sandra Rosch

The rental fee of \$40 has been paid.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DUES – Reported by Sandra Rosch

The yearly dues of \$75 has been paid.

DONATIONS & CLUB PURCHASES

GRANITE BENCH PURCHASE- Reported by Sandra Rosch

Sandra asked for purchase consideration of an engraved granite bench to be placed in the Robert W. Chatterton Lake Placid Mural Memorial Park. There will be four to six benches in the park, donated by various businesses or clubs. Discussion followed. It was suggested that LPGC ask to have sprinkler lines extended to the garden in front of the Masonic Lodge. **A MOTION was made by Donna Ferchen and**

SECONDED by Robin Shear to approve up to \$2800 for the purchase of an engraved granite bench. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

MICROPHONE SPEAKER SYSTEM

See page 1. Agenda out of order.

2025-2026 BUDGET TIMELINE- Reported by Sandra Rosch

All committees should review the current year budget and recommend any changes by February.

February – Meet with 2nd Vice President (Ways & Means), President, and Treasurer (s) to work on a fundraising budget to include the HHGT and other fundraisers.

March – President and Treasurer(s) meet to construct a General Budget for the next Fiscal Year

April/May – Present a proposed Fiscal Year Budget to the Board

May – General Membership votes on the new budget

CORRESPONDENCE – Reported by Laura Krumm

No report for this month. Sandy Rosch reported she has been corresponding with Susan Lawson (DIX Director) about attending one of our Lake Placid events.

MEMBERSHIP – Reported by Mary Mihok

Mary presented three membership applications for review and possible approval, Wanda Fitzgerald, Wendy M. Parent, Donna Jean Glenn.

A MOTION was made by Marcia Price and received a SECOND by Donna Ferchen to approve Wanda Fitzgerald for membership. The MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION was made by Sharon Diaz and received a SECOND by Sally Kinsey to approve Wendy M Parent for membership. The MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION was made by Sally Kinsey and received a SECOND by Laura Krumm to approve Donna Jean Glenn for membership. The MOTION CARRIED.

2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES – Reported by Sandra Rosch

Dues Collection will begin in March. Dues amounts vary per classification. Members joining now will need to renew for the new membership year. Members are to see Deborah Genderlok for renewal.

YEARBOOK UPDATES- Reported by Sandra Rosch

Contact Sue Rood for changes or additions to the yearbook.

MEMBERSHIP CALL GIRLS – Reported by Robin Shear

All is working well with calls. Mary Mihok will make calls to new members pertaining to lunches. Robin Shear will call new members for club information other than lunches.

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MEMBER SUNSHINE – Reported by Sandra Rosch

Members may contact Joyce Miles. Her companion had heart surgery. Ernie Bell would appreciate hearing from members. She has been having pain issues.

GENERAL MEETING- Reported by Sandra Rosch

FEBRUARY –February is Valentine month. Let's dress accordingly and make it fun.

AGENDAS – Sandy asked for opinions on shortening the agenda. Comments included liking shorter meetings, others felt the purpose of the meeting is to learn. Committees should report on activities whether active or temporarily idle.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM – Reported by Sharon Diaz

The program "The Value of Water" will be presented by guest speaker, Bruno Kapacinskis, Southwest Florida Water Management District.

HORTICULTURE – Reported by Sandra Rosch

Connie Adams will do the February horticulture program

FEBRUARY LUNCH – Reported by Sandra Rosch

Lunch will be Chicken Alfredo from Golden Corral. The cost will be \$10 per person. Hostesses will be Linda Hunley, Scarlet Bergner, Marie Milia, Jodie Shaw, Dorie Roa, Sue Peabody, Linda Brockway.

MARCH LUNCH – Reported by Sandra Rosch

Hartzells will be providing the lunch. It will be pulled pork sandwiches with baked beans, cole slaw & dessert. The cost will be \$10 per person payable at the February meeting. Hostesses/servers will be Barbara Dagostino Monica Griffith, Gina Cortes, Carol Lamberts, Catie Clark.

REQUEST FOR LUNCH & COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Marcia Price asked to consider eliminating providing lunch at the meetings and going to a brown bag program. She stated she has observed the heavy workload to plan, pickup, set up and serve as well as clean up now that the membership is over 100. Several other clubs have gone to brown bag lunches. Water and tea could continue to be provided. This suggestion led to a discussion of mixed feelings. Some were in favor of the brown bags for lunch. Others felt we would lose membership and/or attendance. Some members enjoy the social part of lunch being provided. One suggestion was for the club to subsidize a portion of a lunch since it's very difficult to provide a lunch for \$10.

CENTERPIECE SIGN UP – Reported by Sandra Rosch

February – Karen Denning

March – Vicki Maxwell

April – Marcia Price

May – Donna Ferchen

OPPORTUNITY TABLE- Reported by Ray Alderman

We have 5 plants for the table, two Valentine towels, and items that various people may bring in. Vicki Maxwell will provide a list of the winners to the recording secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Acorns Project – Reported by Karen Denning

Those attending work about 1.5 hours pulling weeds from potted plants on tables. Members meet the third Thursday of each month. February 20 is the next gathering at Royce Ranch.

Civic Beautification

American Legion Memorial Garden – Reported by Donna Ferchen

She did not check on the garden this week but is at the Legion most weeks and will check on the plants.

Main Street Garden- Reported by Sandra Rosch

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She is holding off on planting the garden because if done now it may need to be redone in a couple of months. A project to visually improve Lake Placid is being planned. Flowerpots and gardens may need to contain the same type of plants. She is waiting to hear from the Chamber of Commerce before speaking to Mark Ponsler and planning the garden update.

Masonic Lodge Bed – Reported by Sandra Rosch

Members are asked to give a few minutes following each Board meeting to attend to Lodge flower beds or if possible, during the month. We'd like the beds to look great for the Annual Plant Sale.

Historical Society Garden

Jennifer Marsh was not in attendance to report

Volunteer Signup – No report

Tool Bucket – The bucket is available and stored at the Garden Club storage unit.

GARDEN THERAPY- Reported by Sandra Rosch

LP Health & Rehab Center . Meet at 9:30 am on Tuesday, February 11. Bring cut fresh flowers and greenery. May drop off at Marian Chambers house the day before of morning of the event.

HHGT 2025- Reported by Robin Shear

Currently three wonderful houses are signed up. We need one more house and we are trying to secure a garden for the tour.

MANNA MINISTRIES

The next collection will be for Easter on April 9 at the General Membership meeting

PUBLICITY – Reported by Sandra Rosch

The renewal ad in the Visitor Guide has been submitted to the Chamber of Commerce.

Check the Facebook posting ad email for upcoming events.

Any ads for the FFGC/District news should be directed to Sue Rood.

Members are encouraged to go to Facebook District IX FFGC and join. The link is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1309829002404914>.

SCHOLARSHIPS/CAMPERSHIPS

High School Project Graduation. Reported by Stephanie Moreo

The next committee meeting is not determined but will be after March 3. Committee duties will be determined at this time. Project Graduation is a party for the students. Each year we give \$100 to help with production and student gifts.

Scholarships- Reported by Stephanie Moreo

The next committee meeting will be in March, after the 3rd to go through applications for fall.

Awards Night – Reported by Stephanie Moreo

April 14th at the Lake Placid High School. Presenters are asked to arrive by 5:30. The program starts at 6:00 pm

Camp Wekiva – Reported by Mary Meisenheimer

No applications have been received to date. Perhaps advertising the camp would encourage applications.

4-H Camp Cloverleaf – Reported by Sherill Trevino

The camp has a list of children that would benefit from scholarship. Currently there is \$450 in the garden club budget for a scholarship. The cost for a 5-day overnight camper is \$425. The 4-H camp selects the child that receives the scholarship. Recipient names are not provided however a request to receive a thank you from the child can be made. The LPGC will sponsor one child for this year and review the possibility of an additional sponsorship for next year.

TRIPS & TOURS- Reported by Nick Price

Nick Price is collecting RSVP for the trip to Edison Ford Garden and Museum on April 1st. The cost per person to attend is \$50. Payment must be submitted with an RSVP. It is non-refundable unless a

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replacement is found. The \$50 include motorcoach transportation, admission and lunch. On November 6, 2024, the board voted to pay for the bus (\$1746) out of our special funds. Attendees will meet at Stuart Park at 8:30 am. The bus will leave promptly at 9:00 am. Water and refreshments will be provided on the bus out of the fifty-fifty profits. The club winnings will help offset the participation fees, tips, bus refreshments and activities.

YOUTH GARDENING –February 19

No report

CLUB EVENTS & PROJECTS

Library Plants – Laura reported plants are still alive. She is continuing to water them.

Nell Cole Award Project- Reported by Robin Shear

Robin would like to go through the list of items needed to complete at the February general meeting. She reminded everyone to submit their projects . Individual books of evidence are due March 15.

Plant Sale – March 1st, 2025 - Reported by Vicki Maxwell

Vicki reported having a very successful work party at her house. She needs small pots. Water and sandwiches will be available at the plant sale for workers or individual lunches can be brought. Donna Ferchen volunteered to be the cashier. Vicki requested changing the 2026 plant sale date to the following month. After discussion it was decided that March 25 would be an appropriate date.

OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Reported by Sandra Rosch

Government Center Parking

Members are reminded to park in the second row . Only those with handicapped stickers should park in the first row.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATING/RECRUITING COMMITTEE – Reported by Marcia Price

Sherril Trevino has volunteered to work on a “Recruiting Committee. She will help Marcia contact members who have shown interest in volunteering for various committees and/or workshops. Marcia has contacted several members she felt would be good candidates for the presidency. Marcia has sent an email listing the positions available and a description of duties. She has reminded members that without a president there cannot be a club.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS (FFGC)

Spring 2025 District IX meeting – Ft. Myers. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21 and hosted by the Garden Club of Cape Coral. Dress is tropical. Sandra Rosch plans to attend.

The FFGC convention is April 7010 in Jacksonville.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.

Submitted,

Doris Rohner, Co-Recording Secretary

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