

**Lake Placid Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting
September 3, 2025
Masonic Lodge, 102 N. Main Avenue, Lake Placid, FL**

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 9:33am by President, Doris Rohner. Quorum was established. Approval of Agenda was moved by Sally Kinsey and seconded by Sue Rood.

President's Message – Summer Interim Report contains info and events over the summer. Doris also reported on attending the District IX Presidents' meeting.

Approval of Minutes from May 7 Members' meeting was moved by Sharon Diaz and seconded by Sue Rood. Doris commented that the Budget was approved at that meeting and to move the monthly Membership meeting from the Lake Placid Government Center to the American Legion.

Treasurer's Report – There is \$2166.59 in checking, \$39,507.79 in Vanguard account and \$200.00 cash on hand for a total of \$41,874.38. Donna Ferchen also reported the storage unit fee increased by \$185.60 this year for a total fee of \$682.99. The Treasurer's Report was accepted subject to audit.

Rob Chatterton of the Masonic Lodge reported on the Granite Bench that the Garden Club purchased to support the Masonic Lodge. The Lodge is creating the Robert W. Chatterton Lake Placid Memorial Park which is on the north side of the Masonic Lodge and on their property. This will be a visitor stop to view the Welcome Mural. There will be a total of six granite benches. Five have been purchased and one more needs to be purchased. Due to the cost of shipping and logistics of moving the benches, engraving is on hold until the sixth bench is purchased. Lights have been installed, and the mural will be lit at night. Electrical and irrigation has been installed. It is ADA compliant. Paver stones will be installed and may be sponsored for \$75 each. The park will be in quadrants, and they have \$1600.00 in credit with Ibanez from a CRA grant. They are open for suggestions as to plantings for the park.

Committee Reports

Membership – Jennifer Marsh and Pat Reiser have created new membership packets.

Audio – Ray Adelman is concerned regarding the stairs to the stage and safety issues at the Legion. The podium and mic will be relocated to the bottom of the stage to avoid frequent stair climbs. Cords will not be a hazard.

Bereavement – Sandy Rosch had questions and comments: Jan Vedernjak's son passed on 6/30, and the donation will be made to a foster child charity. Linda Penny passed, and donation is on hold to determine an appropriate memorial. Shirley Puzey passed, and donation was made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Correspondence – nothing to report.

Library Plants – Laura Krumm reported the lighting has been changed to LED and the plants are struggling.

Sunshine – nothing to report.

Publicity – Jeannie Dietl had back surgery and members are filling in to help. Doris Rohner placed the article in the paper covering the Planting Kindness, Harvesting Success event at Tropical Winery on 8/22. Members donated school supplies which were presented to Rosie Klein and her students at the local Crane Brook Academy. Carol Lambert and her crew hold Youth Gardening with these students every third Wednesday of the month. Sue Rood placed the Flyer for the Holiday Home & Garden Tour in L.P. Life,

Garden Club Facebook and sent to District IX for their Newsletter. Robin Shear will contact Ernie Bell, Publicity Chairman for last year, for guidance.

Scholarships – Donna Ferchen reported checks have been paid out to recipients in the amounts of four (4) Scholarships for \$1500 and three (3) Continuing Scholarships for \$500. One Continuing recipient graduated from college before graduating from high school, therefore, scholarship was not paid out. \$8000 was budgeted for scholarships. Robin Shear reported that when donations are made to Archbold it should indicate that the donation is for Archbold Biological Station Nature Camp Sponsorships. Donna Ferchen will ensure that future checks will be earmarked for scholarships.

Web & Wordsmith – Doris Rohner reported the web is set up and workload has eased up.

Yearbook – Sue Rood has the new Yearbooks and a couple of corrections were noted. Everyone thanked Sue for another great job!

Lunch – Headcount issues were discussed. Doris commented that Mary Greeley is to be the contact person for the American Legion regarding lunches, linens, set up, etc.

PROJECT REPORTS

Acorn Project – Karen Denning reported this project takes place every third Thursday from 8am– 9:30am and 9:30am – 11am at Royce Ranch.

Civic Beautification – Donna Ferchen reported Mark Ponsler did the heavy lifting for creating the flower bed around the Blue Star Memorial. Donna, Cici Chuplis and Vicki Maxwell recently weeded the flower beds at the American Legion but need members to help on a monthly basis.

Manna Ministries – Nick Price reported food collections will take place at the Member meetings in November, December and March.

Youth Gardening – Vicki Maxwell reported the Planting Kindness, Harvesting Success at Tropical Winery to collect school supplies was well attended and everyone had a good time.

Plant Study – It was reported Jennifer Marsh will host a Plant Study on September 24. Participants will make an arrangement from their garden. More info to follow.

Trips & Tours – Nick Price is targeting January or February for a trip. More info to follow.

Holiday Home & Garden Tour – Robin Shear reported the Homes and Garden are set for the Tour and a meeting will follow the Board meeting.

Opportunity Table – Vicki Maxwell commented she appreciates when members let her know ahead of time if they are bringing plants to the meeting. She is striving to keep the count to six plants for the drawing.

NEW BUSINESS – BYLAWS

Doris Rohner tabled review of the Bylaws to the October Board meeting. Since being posted on the web, there have been two amendments regarding dues structure and required signatures on checks.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am.

Submitted,

Karen Denning
Co-Second Vice President
September 4, 2025