

Lake Placid Garden Club General Meeting, September 10, 2025

The meeting was held at the Lake Placid American Legion Post #25 in Lake Placid. There were 64 members and 10 guests present.

President Doris Rohner began the meeting with a welcoming address to club members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

DeWayne Yancy of the American Legion Post, was recognized and thanked.

Wanda Dickson gave the Invocation.

Members were called to lunch. Lunch was provided by the Legion and included a choice of sandwiches and salads. Donna Ferchen and Cecelia Chulpis furnished the desserts. Member Mary Greeley was recognized as the new lunch coordinator.

Co-First Vice President Stephanie Moreo introduced the speaker, Chip Jones.

Chip has an impressive resume including extensive education and several different professional positions. Chip moved to his current location, LaBelle from Fort Lauderdale. He runs a specialty nursery there, open by appointment only, featuring only rare plants. He does landscaping, garden design, and among other subjects, is knowledgeable about cycads, palms and bromeliads.

He gave a very interesting talk about cycads, sharing information about their history, uses and habits.

It was determined that the members present did constitute a quorum.

Co-Treasurer Sandy Rosch gave the Financial Report. Total LPGC assets are \$41,874.38.

Laura Krumm moved the LPGC May minutes be accepted as written. Mary Greeley seconded the motion which then passed.

Stephanie Moreo introduced Sandra Bass, who represented the Miracle League of Highlands County. This is a charity the LPGC may want to support.

Their slogan is "Because every individual deserves the opportunity to play baseball." The League began in 2007 with 42 players. Today there are 4 different leagues within the Miracle League, each based on player's skill and ability. Currently, they have 55 registered players. There is no cost to players. Volunteers, fans, donations and helpers such as base runners are always needed.

Stephanie gave an informative talk about her own thoughts and experience with composting and mulching. She encouraged LPGC members to also compost. Bromeliads work well as a replacement for much.

In Civic Beautification news, the Legion Garden and the area around the Blue Star Marker are attractive and have been well cared for. It was noted that Mark Ponsler did a lot of the heavy work. Renee Richter has volunteered to maintain the garden at the Lake Placid Historical Society.

Corresponding Secretary Laura Krumm read a thank you note from Marcia Price.

September birthdays were celebrated by Alice Stahr, Carol Coyle, Jeanne Dietl, Janet Earnshaw, Stephanie Moreo, Sandy Spice, Lisa Hartman, Barbara Dagostino and Pam Rosenberg.

September guests included Denise Thomas, Mary Wanger, Patti Bose, John King, Vera Irwin, Scarlett Ray, Chip Jones, Brad Willman, Melina Johnson, Sandra Bess and aChi Jones, meeting presenters.

Marian Chambers reported on yesterday's Garden Therapy. Several members were on hand to help a large group of Lake Placid Health and Rehabilitation Center residents make flower arrangements. The ladies and gentlemen were also served a snack.

Robin Shear reported that the Holiday Home and Garden Tour Committee would be well prepared for the event. A large gathering worked on Boutique items at the Craft Day. The ticket booklets go to the printer next week.

In the 50/50 drawing, Lisa Hartman won \$75.

Winners of the table arrangements were Marcia Price, Donna Ferchen, Kathleen Hartmen, Lisa Hartman and Sue Peabody.

Winners at the Opportunity Table were Lisa Hartman, Denise Thomas, Barbara Dagastino, Brad Willman, Vera Irwin, Scarlett Ray and Kathy Mosely.

Sharon Diaz collected "Coins for Camp" to benefit Wekiva.

The meeting ended at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Miles

Recording Secretary

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