

## Lake Placid Garden Club Board Meeting, October 1, 2025

The meeting was held at the Lake Placid Masonic Lodge. These members were present – Doris Rohner, Robin Shear, Marcia Price, Jennifer Marsh, Fran Bomberger, Karen Denning, Vera Olds, Mary Meisenheimer, Vicki Maxwell, Jan Vedernjak, Sharon Diaz, CeCe Chuplis, Laura Krumm, Ray Aldermann, Sherill Trevino, Mary Greeley, Sue Rood, Joyce Miles, Donna Ferchen, Sandy Rosch and Nick Price.

The meeting was called to order by President Doris Rohner at 9:30.

Recording Secretary Joyce Miles confirmed that a quorum, which is 2/3 of the voting members, one being a primary officer was present. Members of the Board and Committee Chairs are entitled to vote.

Sue Rood moved the Board meeting agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Mary Greeley. The motion passed.

In her President's message, President Rohner thanked those members who responded to the agenda draft and indicated whether they had a report. Further, she commented on the letter she sent to the membership following the September meeting. In it, she took some members to task for speaking out of turn, disturbing various speakers and making the speakers hard to hear. The letter also commented on members leaving before the meeting was finished, again disturbing fellow members. President Rohner expressed her appreciation for those who responded to the letter both negatively and positively.

Members are asked to let the President know who will be attending the District IX Fall meeting to be held in Winter Haven on October 21.

Ray Adelman made observations about the electronics used at the September meeting. He explained the usefulness of a new projection screen, a rubber cable to cover cords and a felt cap for the microphone. The total expenditure would be under \$140.00. Sherill Trevino moved the club approve the purchase of these items. Fran Bomberger seconded the motion which then passed. It was noted that the money for these items would not be taken out of this year's budget since the purchase would be an investment to be used for many years.

Treasurer Donna Ferchen gave the Treasurer's report. The club's Vanguard account has \$4,0142.43. The club's checking account has \$1,922.10. Total assets are 42,264.53. She noted that one \$500 scholarship was not used and the money transferred back into the Vanguard account.

Laura Krumm reported that the library plants were doing well and that she is in need of small and medium decorative pots.

Jennifer Marsh, Membership Committee, reported receiving applications for club membership. She moved the club accept Vera Irvin as a member. Mary Greeley seconded the motion which then passed. Jennifer moved the club accept Denise Thomas for membership. Donna Ferchen seconded the motion which then passed. Jennifer moved the club accept Scarlett Ray as a member. Sandy Rosch seconded the motion which then passed. Further, two more applications were received. Jennifer Marsh moved the club accept the application of Robin Nowak for membership. Karen Denning seconded the motion which then passed. Jennifer Marsh moved

the club accept Mary Wanger as a member. Mary Greeley seconded the motion which then passed.

Jennifer Marsh held the September Plant Study, "Make an arrangement from your garden," at the Masonic Lodge. She told members that it was a fun learning experience.

Mary Greeley, Hostess Committee Chairman, reported on the October lunch. BLT's, soup and salad, pea salad and French fries will be available. Donna Ferchen will be providing dessert. With a goal of making the lunch – and meeting – go smoother, a new table arrangement will be tried. Mary will provide the centerpieces.

Karen Denning reported for the Acorn Project. She will be presenting "before and after" photos.

Donna Ferchen reported on Civic Beautification. The purchase and placement of flowers and mulch have been completed in the lower Legion Garden, with help from Mark Ponsler. Volunteers are needed to fill vacancies at all the Civic Beautification sites. As always, there will be a signup sheet at the next meeting. Each monthly time and place could use three volunteers rather than two. Younger members are especially needed.

The placement of the various signup sheets needs to be addressed. Keeping them in an area away from the registration table would be ideal.

Nick Price, the club's Manna Ministries liaison, had questions about a location for the holiday collections since the club is meeting at a different location. It was decided Doris Rohner would park her car at the Legion with the hatch open on those meeting days so donations could be put inside. Nick agreed to be on hand beginning at 10:30 on those days to oversee the collection.

The club collects non-perishable food and hygiene items during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter seasons.

Many people in the community added supplies to the collection when the club met at the Government Center. Since the club Publicity Chairman has had to resign, someone needs to publicize the collection day, time and new location for those in the community who want to donate. Publicity Co-Chairman Candy Wolfe, may fill this role with the help of last year's Chair, Ernie Bell.

It was noted that the April meeting will take place after the Easter holiday so the collection will be held at the March meeting.

Sherill Trevino reported on the September Youth Gardening. The student turnout was good with 16 children planting coontie palms and hearing how these plants were important to early Floridians. The new Crane Brook Academy teacher coordinated her lesson plan with the Youth Gardening event.

The October 29 Plant Study will be held at Doris Rohner's home. She will be showing the movie, "The Lure of Carnivorous Plants" lakeside beginning at 7:00, arriving at 6:30. Members may want to bring chairs or blankets. She will provide insect repellent, citronella candles, snacks and punch.

Nick Price, Trips and Tours, told members that on the advice of the bus company, he would be scheduling our next bus trip on a Monday or Tuesday. It was decided that the club would reserve a bus for Tuesday, January 27. The destination has not yet been determined.

Tickets will be sold for a chance to win the \$100 bill at the Holiday Home and Garden Tour December 6. Sue Peabody has packets of 6 tickets each to be sold for \$5 and urges members to take some and sell them to benefit the club.

Karen Denning, Holiday Home and Garden Tour Co-Chair reported her committee would be meeting after the Board meeting with a focus on the Boutique.

There will be a signup sheet for members to act as hostesses at the homes and gardens on display that day.

A new poster has been made and will be distributed to members to post at businesses. The Committee will need to know which businesses have been contacted.

The ticket booklets have been printed and will soon be available to sell.

Vicki Maxwell, Plant Sale Chairman, needs 3-4" pots.

She asked the board if adding baked goods and/or some crafts might be a good idea. There was discussion but no consensus. One year, the club did have a bake sale in addition to the plant sale. There might be leftover crafts from the HH&GT?

Could bigger, more expensive plants be displayed and sold inside the building? This might deter customers from switching tags, which was a problem at last year's plant sale. Doris will check to see if that is possible.

Perhaps member/sales people should be more knowledgeable about the plants they are selling. Maybe an event could be held beforehand to educate those volunteers.

The proposed changes to the By-Laws were discussed. President Rohner read and explained the rationale behind each recommended change. Marcia Price moved the proposed changes to the By-Laws plus the 2 amendments be accepted as presented. Donna Ferchen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

After the Board's approval, the proposed changes will be presented to the membership who will then have 30 days to consider the matter. The general membership will vote on the proposed changes at the November 12 General Meeting.

If the General Membership agrees, an addendum will be written to add to the Yearbook.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Miles,

Recording Secretary