

Lake Placid Garden Club Board meeting, February 4, 2026

The meeting was held at the Lake Placid Masonic Lodge. These members were present – Joyce Miles, Doris Rohner, Sue Rood, Stephanie Moreo, Sally Kinsey, Jennifer Marsh, Nick Price, Mary Meisenhiemer, Mary Greeley, Ray Aldermann, Karen Denning, Laura Krumm, Sandy Rosch, Jan Vedernjak and Donna Ferchen.

President Doris Rohner called the meeting to order at 9:35.

Recording Secretary Joyce Miles confirmed there was a quorum present.

Donna Ferchen moved the agenda be approved. The motion carried.

Mary Greeley moved the January 7 Board Meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Donna Ferchen gave the Financial Report. LPGC checking account - \$10,804.15. Vanguard account - \$42,172.69 (includes \$130 interest). Cash on hand - \$200. Total assets - \$53,990.09. She told members how the cash on hand is used at meetings. The report was accepted pending audit.

In Membership news, it was disclosed that Karen Lichtenstein's application was overlooked at the January Board meeting. She was accepted into membership by way of email voting subsequent to the Board and General meetings. The application of Shay Cross was presented. Jennifer Marsh moved the club accept her; the motion carried.

The President of the Sebring Garden Club, Margaret Glassman, has expressed interest in attending the LPGC February General meeting. Sue Rood moved to welcome her and give her a complimentary lunch. The motion carried.

There was a question concerning food contributions at lunches. The LPGC policy is that members who sign up and bring food for lunch do so in lieu of payment for that lunch. If a member contributes something but is reimbursed, they will need to pay for their lunch.

There was discussion about the Legion charging the LPGC a \$1 tip per person per lunch. Treasurer Donna Ferchen reported that she did not pay that fee. Further, she was told the tip would be raised to \$2 per person beginning with the February meeting. The ensuing discussion covered initial negotiations with the Legion, the change in Legion cooks and the lack of a signed contract. Doris Rohner said she has a written summary of the initial "handshake agreement" between the LPGC and the American Legion. Jennifer Marsh moved the Legion be presented with that agreement including the cost the club is willing to pay each month in which the Legion supplies lunch. The motion passed. Doris and Mary Greeley will present the agreement to the Legion. This would not be considered a contract but rather, a "statement of agreement." It is hoped a Legion representative will sign it.

Stephanie Moreo reported that the February speaker will be Victoria Rose whose program will be "Orchids." She will bring orchids to sell. Shannon Johnson will provide the centerpieces and conduct the Horticulture segment. Her topic will be shrimp plants. The Plant Study scheduled for February will not be possible since the AVPCI garden is closed for tours.

Karen Denning reported for the Acorn Project.

Donna Ferchen, Civic Beautification, reported the lower American Legion Garden seems to have withstood the recent freeze but she is unable to assess the upper garden. Volunteers are needed at this and other Civic Beautification sites. Stephanie told members that local high school students might be willing and able to help since such work would add to the community service hours which are necessary for their graduation.

Joyce Miles reported for Garden Therapy.

Laura Krumm told members that she made and placed a framed sign stating that the LPGC sponsors the library plants. She asked members for plant contributions.

Sue Rood reported for Youth Gardening. The students will be making flower arrangements this month. Mention was made of the newspaper feature profiling this committee's work with Crane Brook Academics students.

Nick Price reminded members that the Easter collection for Manna Ministries would be held in March. It was decided the club would also collect donations for Manna at the May meeting.

Reporting for Trips and Tours, Nick told members that the January 27 bus trip to Marie Selby Gardens in Sarasota was a success. There were only a few negative comments. The date for the trip worked out well; unfortunately, the weather did not.

Karen Denning, Holiday Home and Garden Tour, reported two homes have been secured for the December event. More homes and gardens are needed.

Plans for the March 28 Plant Sale are proceeding. Since the recent freeze may have damaged plants grown for the sale, the offerings at the sale may include baked good, Kokedamas and miscellaneous planting necessities and products. The sale will be held at the Masonic Lodge; some plants may be displayed outside, requiring two more cashiers. The building will be available Friday, 3/27 between 4 and 6 so members can deliver plants and set up the sale.

Emphasis was put on Committees not forming in the name of the Garden Club without LPGC knowledge and Board approval. The current library grounds improvement group is operating with neither LPGC knowledge nor Board approval. No funds can be used to further the goals of that group. Doris will deliver the message.

The March 21 Membership Picnic will take place at the Sun N Lakes Community center beginning at 11:00. The club will supply fried chicken and ice cream sundae makings. Members are asked for food contributions. Signup sheets are being circulated.

Sandy Rosch reported that the 2025 Holiday Home and Garden Tour made a profit of \$8,404. She has questions about some figures. Laura Krumm will help Donna and Sandy recheck.

The current By-Laws may need to reviewed and possibly rewritten to clarify Article XI, Quorum, Section 3.

President Rohner has made a submission to the Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. for an award. She has also applied for seven State awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Joyce Miles

Recording Secretary