

Lake Placid Garden Club Board Meeting, March 4, 2026

The meeting was held in the Masonic Lodge in Lake Placid. These members were present – Joyce Miles, Doris Rohner, Deb Meyer, Vicki Maxwell, Ray Aldermann, Sally Kinsey, Laura Krumm, Sue Rood, Donna Ferchen, Mary Greeley, Mary Meisenheimer, Sandy Rosch, Sherill Trevino and Mark Ponsler.

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 by President Doris Rohner.

Recording Secretary Joyce Miles confirmed a quorum had been established.

Laura Krumm moved the March 4 Board meeting agenda be approved. The motion passed.

Donna Ferchen moved the February 4 Board Meeting minutes be approved as written. The motion carried.

Treasurer Donna Ferchen made the Financial Report. After a correction by Co-Treasurer Sandy Rosch, total assets are reported to be to \$51,112.50. Subject to audit, the report was accepted. There was discussion about the bank used by the LPGC, the former Heartland National Bank, now Seacoast Bank. After hearing accounts of current questionable customer service, Board members agreed that pursuing another bank in the next club year would be warranted.

President Doris Rohner explained that by email vote, the Board approved of the purchase of Quick Books, desktop version.

President Doris Rohner and Donna Ferchen together submitted a grant application to improve the garden at the American Legion Memorial Garden, the “Blue Star Memorial” Garden. Most plants need replacing; stones need to be cleaned. They hope to add solar lights and bricks. The Blue Star marker needs to be cleaned as well. They have asked for \$941.

President Rohner and Lunch Coordinator Mary Greeley have ongoing discussions with Brandi Hayes concerning our presence at, and lunches at the American Legion Post 25.

Joyce Miles reported that notification should be made to her about Sunshine news.

In Civic Beautification, Donna Ferchen reminded members that the American Legion Memorial Garden will be needing a complete overhaul. She has volunteers lined up; work will begin at the end of the month. Deb Meyer has pulled frost damaged plants and done some trimming at the Masonic Lodge.

Joyce Miles reported on Garden Therapy’s March plans.

Planned activities at the March Youth Gardening event include making a wildflower seed blanket and making notecards using dried flowers and plants. Crane Brook Academics have purchased a building in Sebring and plan to move classes there starting in September. It is

unclear if the LPGC will continue Youth Gardening there. Sherill Trevino and Carol Lambert will also look for other schools which would welcome Youth Gardening.

Danny Green will conduct a plant study, "African Violets," at the Masonic Lodge on March 25. Members can sign up at the meeting next week.

The Membership Appreciation Picnic will take place at the Sun n Lakes Clubhouse between 11 and 3 on March 21. Members are asked to contribute salads, side dishes, and beverages. Sign-up sheets are available. The club will provide some beverages, fried chicken and ice cream sundae makings.

The club's Easter donation to Manna Ministries will be held at the March meeting next week because Easter occurs before our April meeting. Non-perishable foods, hygiene and cleaning products and paper products are always in demand. An additional collection will take place in May.

Vicki Maxwell told members about the LPGC Plant Sale, March 28. Many plants have frost damage resulting in fewer and a lower quality of plants to sell. There will be a companion bake sale and craft sale. She is asking for plants, craft items and baked goods. She needs volunteers to help with all aspects of the sale. A flyer detailing the sale will be sent to members. Some will be available at the meeting for members to post at their communities and businesses.

Deb Meyer and Mark Ponsler brought information to the Board describing a Library Courtyard Proposal they co-wrote with the Lake Placid Friends of the Library director Pat Smith. Sandy Rosch moved the Board support the Library Courtyard Project contingent on county and Library Master Plan approval. The motion carried. Since the project is in the very early stages, it has not been determined what financial and labor requirements will fall on the LPGC.

The "Tree Book," maintained by Agnes Smith, lists all trees planted by members in the past year. The tabulation will be sent on to the FFGC for review. Prizes will be awarded.

The club will be needing a volunteer to act as Caladium Festival Chairman. Current Chairman Connie Adam is stepping down. Sherill Trevino will contact her.

The FFGC State Convention will be held in Kissimmee April 14-17. Registration is due by March 20.

District IX Director Susan Lawson has asked for the names of club members deceased during this club year. The names of Linda Penny and Vera Irvin will be reported to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Joyce Miles
Recording Secretary