



HIGHLAND SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Questions/feedback, contact Club Secretary, Carol Goodman

Executive Committee Report

Meeting called to order at 9:15am. Attendees: Billy Penn, Delores Garbarini, Vicky Aranda, Carol Goodman, Steve Lindner, Vicki Branscome

Discussion topics for the general meeting:

1. Volunteers – need for active volunteer participation
2. By-laws vote to confirm changes to Operations Manager (Garden Manager) duties.
3. Fill & Till
4. Discuss whether members should be present at meeting to vote.
5. Nominating Committee needed for November election.
6. November – Vicky wants input from members on organization of social in order to get maximum participation.
7. Garden theft – Discuss ideas or suggestions for solution to garden/greenhouse theft.
8. Membership drive plans.
9. Activity Fair Participation
10. Garden Safety

Proposed Plans:

1. History project – Carol will review old garden club documents and purge financial information over three years old. She will save historical information and give it to Vicky to put on website.
Suggested former and current members to interview: Doug Studner, Dan Pederson, Doug Swenson, Dan Wilker, Launa van Ghiesen (Pecan Grove) former Dir. Resident Life.
Also, Ericksen employees Molly Mann, Christina Christy, Barbara Blachly (ret).

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.



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General Meeting – Tuesday, 8/5/2025

The meeting was called to order at 10am. The minutes were accepted as posted on the website. www.hsdcommunity.org/garden

Financial Report: Current balance, \$1,638.00

Delores, Vice-President, reported that in September the meetings will return to Arbor Room.

A. Discussion Topics

1. Volunteers – Membership suggested that getting volunteers for specific projects might be more successful than a list of volunteers. Notices can be sent out for specific needs. Vicky A had sent out a list requesting help for a specific project and got good response. Also, a sign-up sheet will be put in the garden sheds for volunteers to sign up for specific needs in the garden.
2. By laws vote – The newly documented Operations Manager (Garden Manager) duties for the by-laws were approved by a vote of the members with the word “ticket” changed to “work order”.
3. Fill & Till – Helon met with Aaron and he is going to send her committee a sample of the “fill” to be used in the gardens. Vicky will make a form to be posted in each garden shed to sign up for Fill & Till. The Garden Managers will then have the information they need to monitor the Fill & Till project. This project will take place after the garden lottery in the fall.
4. Voting – After a discussion with membership it was decided that members should be present to vote. Delores will contact the member who brought up the voting absentee topic to let them know of the club decision.
5. Nominating Committee – Delores requested a volunteer to head the Nominating Committee since she will be running for president and will not be able to chair the committee as stated in the by-laws. Joane
6. Walvoord volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee. The slate of officer candidates will be presented at the October meeting. Delores will give Joane a list of the duties of the Nominating Committee.



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7. November meeting plans – Vicky A. oversees the November meeting and social. An ice cream “picnic” was agreed upon. The only business at the November meeting will be election of officers and the “picnic”. Club members will be included as well as prospective members and some Highland Springs staff. This will be an RSVP event to be able to provide the amount of food and refreshments needed. Garden photos to be shown at the meeting were taken by Nancy Michalek.
8. Garden Theft – Each year garden theft has been an issue. However, members believe this year was worse. After a discussion of possible solutions, Delores volunteered to prepare signs to post in the gardens. A notice will also be posted on the website.
9. Membership Drive – Vicky A is working on a Garden Club Membership Questionnaire. Delores will make a presentation on the lottery process at the October meeting. This information will assist members when choosing a garden/greenhouse spot. The deadline for renewing membership will be the October meeting. The lottery for garden/greenhouse spaces will be at the December meeting.
10. Activity Fair - Delores has submitted for a table at the Fair and needs volunteers in addition to Billy Penn and Carol Goodman.
11. Garden Safety – Always carry your phone and wear your nametag in the gardens. It is critical in case of an accident that our members have their phones and identifying information. Taking care when crossing the street is another important safety consideration. If you come across a safety issue in the gardens, let your Garden Manager know.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.