

Business Meeting Minutes – 01/06/2026



General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10am.

1. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes were approved as posted on website

2. Treasurer's Report

- \$3,270.33 (includes all expenses to date)

3. President's Report

- New officers were introduced: Delores Garbarini, President; Peggy Threadgill, Vice-President; Vicky Aranda, Treasurer; Carol Goodman, Secretary.
- Garden Managers were introduced: Bill Griffin, Greenhouse; Steve Lindner, East Garden; Vicki Branscome, West Garden; Kay Hampton, Far West Garden; Sandy Balch, Cutting Garden
- There will be a new garden area in Neighborhood 3. It will be the Far East Garden. The shed is already built (including electricity). The new raised beds are 2'x2'x6' and will be tentatively available in mid to late 2026.
- Residents are not to visit the area yet because it is a construction site.
- Delores handed out a chart indicating how the members' dues have been spent in 2024 and 2025. The amount spent in 2025 was less than 2024. However, due to the addition of the Far East Garden, more could be spent in 2026.
- Safety
 - a) Delores mentioned safety in the gardens will be a priority in 2026.
 - b) Always carry your cellphone and water with you to the garden. It is not a good idea to drink from hoses unless it is an emergency.
 - c) Always wear a hat to protect yourself from the sun

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d) Be careful on the gravel pathways when walking or using mobility devices.

e) Consider going with a “garden buddy” to work in the gardens.

4. Operations Manager’s Reports

a. Greenhouse – Bill Griffin

- Workday was successful. Thanks to garden club members for helping with cleaning and organizing. One shelf was freed up for assignment
- New cabinet at north end of greenhouse is for chemicals
- Good time to visit the greenhouse as many patio plants are blooming

b. East Garden – Steve Lindner

- No report as East Garden Manager was working with Fill & Till process this morning.

c. West Garden – Vicki Branscome

No report as West Garden Manager was working with Fill & Till process this morning.

d. Far West Garden – Kay Hampton

Fill & Till process was completed about 9:30am. Kay was very pleased with the work. Kay had the opportunity to tell HS Landscape Manager, Ben, about items needed for repair/upkeep of the shed in the far west garden.

e. Cutting Garden – Sandy Balch

Fill & Till will be completed today. The cutting garden resting for the winter. Seeds will be planted as planting time comes for each variety.

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5. New Business

- New projects such as better name identification of each garden and better identification for individual garden plots have been suggested for 2026.
- Delores requested any other ideas for projects be sent to her or the other officers or garden managers. These ideas will be prioritized in the February executive committee meeting and presented to the club at February's general meeting.
- Ideas for the capital budget will be gathered in late spring for prioritizing and presenting to Highland Springs for the 2027 budget.
- The Vice-President, Peggy, reviewed the results of the Garden Club Survey.
- 71 members & 44 responses; 66% like business meeting and program on the same day. All results are posted to the website along with photos. (<https://hsdcommunity.org/garden>)

6. Old Business

a. Fill & Till

- Completed today, 1/06/2026

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

The January program was presented by Donna Letier, co-founder of Gardenuity. She discussed the company philosophy of mental and physical health and wellness and what their products are like. Donna planted a tea garden which was the door prize for the day.