

GARDEN CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 04/27/2026

Magnolia Place Classroom

Attendees: Delores Garbarini, Chair; Peggy Threadgill, Vice-Chair; Vicky Aranda, Treasurer; Carol Goodman, Secretary; Operations Managers, Sandy Balch, Kay Hampton, Steve Lindor, Bill Griffin, Vicki Branscome

Meeting called to order 10am

OLD BUSINESS

A. By-Laws

- At May Garden Club meeting, Delores will discuss the changes to the by-laws. The changes are mainly to the lottery process, Appendix 1. Some other changes have omitted redundancies.

Changes:

- 1). Temporary beds will truly be considered “temporary” to ensure all members are able to have a bed if they want.
- 2). A process for a greenhouse lottery was added in case it is ever needed. It mirrors the garden space lottery process.
- 3). The Executive Committee can reserve up to 10% of primary empty beds.
- 4). The term, “mobility impaired” aligns with the ADA definition.
- 5). Questionnaires must be turned in with dues by November meeting. Dues can be charged to Erickson account.

- The by-laws will be voted on in June.

B. Take Your Child to Work Day, 4/23/2026

- Successful project. Twelve attendees enjoyed painting their “gnome” planters and then potting new plants to take home.

C. Update to General Services (GS) Meeting with Garden Club officers on 4/7

- Garden Club issues and projects were discussed. Dates were assigned to some fixes.
- After DART is finished with the biking/hiking trail, General Services will have a new fence installed along the back property line. In the garden areas, there will be fascia attached to the fence and buried below ground a few inches to retard the number of varmints getting into gardens.
- We continue to discuss changing out the worn RR ties that border each garden area. They are a safety issue, especially in the East Garden. Delores will continue to research possibilities.
- It was agreed that the Executive Committee needs to prepare what is required for updating the gardens to get this information in the capital budget.

- GS requested names for the gardens as opposed to numbers. The officers agreed upon Harmony, Joy, Peace, Serenity. Metal signs, 12”/18” will be in the gardens for the names and for the rules. Delores provided a handout with the verbiage of the “garden rules” sign.

Gardens:

- ✓ Always carry your cell phone
- ✓ Admire, but do not take what isn’t yours
- ✓ Keep beds weed-free
- ✓ Clean & return tools to shed
- ✓ Rewind hoses & gently turn off water
- ✓ Keep walkways unobstructed

Greenhouse:

- ✓ Always carry your cell phone
- ✓ Admire, but do not take what isn’t yours
- ✓ Keep plants disease free
- ✓ Do not crowd the shelves
- ✓ Rewind hoses
- ✓ Keep walkways unobstructed

- Delores noted that GS will be installing emergency “call” buttons on poles in each garden area. Members should still carry a phone with them in case of emergency.
- GS will be installing battery-powered lights in each garden shed.
- Delores is requesting a meeting with General Services as soon as it can be arranged.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Operations Managers’ Report

- Steve Lindner: No report
- Bill Griffin: There is a growth (possibly mold) around the windows in the north end of the greenhouse. The panes are loose and need to be repaired.
- Kay Hampton: No report
- Sandy Balch: No report
- Vicki Branscome: Vicki requested notification from GS when the water in the gardens is off and when turned back on.

B. Future Meetings

- May – General meeting. Program is discussion of by-laws and new lottery process.
- June – General meeting. Program is voting on by-laws.
- July and August there are no business or program meetings. There will be Executive Committee meetings.
- September – General meeting. Program meeting is on Monarch butterfly.

- October - General meeting. Program meeting is filling out questionnaire by membership. Proposed slate of candidates will be presented by Nominating Committee.
- November - Vicky A. activated the social committee in April that will plan the November Garden Club Social: Vicky Aranda, Kay Hampton, Sara Roland, Janiece Loveland, Nancy Ross, Wrynn Wilkins. Time and place TBA. Brief election of new officers will be held at November social.
- Monday, November 16 – special meeting to draw for the lottery. All will be invited. Willow Ridge Community Room.
- December meeting: Lottery selection process for members. Fill & Till choices. Installation of officers.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54.