

Meeting called to Order at 9:17am by President, Pat Caren

Welcome: by new President Pat Caren. I would like to introduce the Executive Board members who have been serving with me: Carolyn Schaag, Treasurer; Inger Jones Secretary & Parliamentarian; Janice Miller Environmental Representative joining us via Zoom. Barbara Magnuson, Landscape Design Representative was not able to join us. Also I want to announce my new Vice-President is Brenda Luedeman, Gardening Representative and Zoom sponsor for Tri-Council. Carolyn Lowry-Nation is replacing Brenda Luedeman as Gardening Representative. On behalf of Tri-Council, I am pleased to extend a special welcome to Carol Hall, Deep South Garden Clubs Director and former FFGC President; and to former FFGC President Carolyn Schaag, .

Further let me introduce former Tri-Council presidents who are present: Carolyn Schaag, Inger Jones and Carolyn Lowry-Nation. A special welcome extended to Barbara May, former NGC President joining us via Zoom.

Invocation & Pledge – Carolyn Schaag

Quorum: President declares a quorum present.

Timekeeper: If there are no objections, Lydia Barbour accepted the appointment as timekeeper. Please limit reports and comments two (2) minutes.

**President – Inger Jones, Secretary will read Article IV Officers and Elections:
Article IV Officers and Elections, Section 3.**

At the Fall meeting in an even-numbered year, a Nominating Committee Chairman shall be APPOINTED by the President and three (3) additional members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected from the floor which must include one consultant each from Environmental, Gardening, and Landscape Design.

President appoints Donna Thomas as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Donna is presently in the District Directors' meeting and has accepted the appointment.

The following have been nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee-

Janice Miller to serve as consultant from Environmental

Mercy Abrams to serve as consultant from Gardening

Carolyn Lowry-Nation to serve as consultant from Landscape.

There were no nominations from the floor.

All those in favor of Janice Miller to serve on the nominating committee please say Aye. All those opposed say Nay. The Aye's have it and Janice Miller will serve on the Nominating Committee.

All those in favor of Carolyn Lowry-Nation to serve on the nominating committee

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All those in favor of Mercy Abrams to serve on the nominating committee please say Aye. All those opposed say Nay. The Aye's have it and Mercy Abrams will serve on the Nominating Committee.

President: Thank you Donna Thomas, Janice Miller, Carolyn Lowry-Nation, and Mercy Abrams to serve on the Nominating Committee.

President's Report – Pat Caren (attached)

Minutes: Secretary Inger Jones reported that the minutes were approved by the Executive Committee and are up on the FFGC website under Members.

Finance Committee Report – Inger Jones reported that there is nothing to report as all schools are being held after this meeting and into the winter.

Financial Report: Carolyn Schaag, Treasurer

Read report June 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022.

Balance as of 5/31/2021 \$18,870.53

Total TC Balance \$14,385.77, Camperships Bank Balance \$5,092.33 for a total of \$19,478.10.

There were no objections to the report and will be filed for internal review by Finance Committee. (Report filed on the website. Need to create your password)

Campership Report – Carolyn Schaag (SEE Thank You letter attached)

Carolyn Schaag, reminded Tri-Council members who wish to apply for sponsorship for their children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren that Wekiva Youth Camp registration normally opens on January 1st and space fills for some cabins within 20 - 30 minutes. The Campership Committee can only accept applications from those who have secured a position to attend both Wekiva Youth Camp and SEEK. All applications must be received by January 31st.

Tri-Council sponsored one student in amount of \$300 to SEEK 2022. The annual Garden Basket raffle at the Convention netted \$307. An additional \$42 was received from the 3R Club and donations.

The following have requested to give reports.

Tri-Council Representative Janice Miller, Environmental. (attached)

Gardening and Landscape Representatives have nothing to report.

Environmental State School Chairman, Lydia Barbour. (attached)

Gardening State School Chairman have nothing to report.

Landscape Design State School Chairman, Susan MacPherson.(attached)

Unfinished Business:

President called Carolyn Schaag:

Regarding the installation of tree to honor Pat Carver will be planted by the City sometime January 2023.

Marion Hilliard's Memorial is planned, however there are still ongoing talks with the Winter Park City Commission regarding noise coming from our headquarters. President Marge Hendon suggested that we get the tree and have it planted. Then, at such time as we are able to meet in person at headquarters, we will have a dedication.

"Trashion" Show – Carolyn Schaag

President Marge Hendon has advised that the "Trashion" Show will be the Program on the first night of the 2023 Convention "Early Arrivals" Dinner. Tina Tuttle has agreed to MC the event. We will discuss it further at the January 2023 BOD meeting. We plan for 25 models and a few volunteers to help get models dressed and on stage. We especially would want all District Directors to join the Tri-Council members to model. President Marge Hendon will also provide a Tri-Council table to display items that have been "re-purposed" to display to inspire other to reuse items. Many are craft ideas as using palm fronds or wine corks to make reindeers, More information to follow.

Possible field trips and/or Retreat – Tallahassee/Silver Springs are still being considered. Carol Hall recalled going to the Legislature in Tallahassee in the past and recommended we resume this practice. Another possible field trip or speaker is the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey.

Convention: Carolyn Schaag

President Marge Hendon wants Tri-Council to use three (3) 10' x 20' spaces in the room where we had the flower show. Each school to have 10'x20' for each School: Environmental, Gardening, and Landscape Design. Vice President will be Chairman along with representatives from Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design, in addition to State School Chairmen from Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design. That is two individuals to work together on filling the allotted space to describe each school. They can recruit committees to assist them. President Marge also asked that State School Chairmen provide pictures of some of the students attending the schools. Convention committee will have some sort of backdrop to place the pictures for each spot. President Marge said that if some plants are needed she would be able to help out. More information to follow.

President: Newsletter Chairman. As mentioned in my report I am looking for a volunteer to take this position for the rest of this administration.

Upcoming NGC School Courses:

Environmental School, Course 1, 9-22nd & 23rd, Derby CT via Zoom
Landscape Design School, Course 2, 9-28th & 29th, Jacksonville Beach, FL
Environmental School Course 1: 10-11th & 12th, Tampa, FL
Environmental School Course 2: 10-18th to 26th, Washington DC via Zoom
Landscape Design School Course 4: 10-26th to 10-28th, Waltham, MA via Zoom
Gardening School Course 1: 11-14th & 15th, West Palm Beach, FL In Person
Environmental School Course 2: 1-17th & 18th, Ft. Meyers, FL

**Environmental School Course 3: 1-10th to 18th, Washington DC via Zoom
Gardening School Course 1: 1-17th & 18th, Tampa, FL – Zoom Hybrid
Tropical Short Course: 1-25th & 26th, Greenacres, FL In Person**

Other Announcements:

January 9th to 12th: FFGC BOD meeting, Winter Park

April 18th to 20th FFGC Convention, Kissimmee

**Dianne Battle (by Zoom) offered to train people who want to offer hybrid classes.
She will do this virtually.**

**Adjournment: President Pat Caren – Is there any other business to be brought
before the membership?**

Hearing none the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.

Inger Jones, Secretary

