**Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**

**Minutes of Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting**

**April 11,2021**

**Hilton Hotel Oceanside, Daytona Beach, FL**

**Call to Order:**

The pre-convention meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on April 11, 2021 by President Al Latina.

**President’s Welcome:**

President Al Latina extended a warm welcome to everyone.

Before the regular order of business, President Latina announced that Barbara Rao, District VIII would not be able to attend the meeting and asked that Kitty Wallace represent her; and Carol Coleman, District X Director would not be able to attend the meeting and asked that Michelle McGuire represent her. There were no objections to either representation.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America:**

Pat Strawn, FFGC Chaplain gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Quorum:**

The chair declared a quorum present.

**Introduction of the FFGC Officers:**

The FFGC Officers were introduced.

Christy Linke, Third Vice President

Tina Tuttle, Second Vice President

Marge Hendon, First Vice President and President Elect

Linda Johnson, Recording Secretary

Jana Walling, Treasurer

Carolyn Nation, Parliamentarian

Al Latina, President

Ingrid Velez, Corresponding Secretary was not present

**Appointment of Committees:**

The chair named the following Committees who were appointed with no objection.

**Minutes of this Meeting:**

Donna Thomas, Chairman

Sandra Messer

Margaret Chodosh

**Report of Committee to Approve Minutes of the regular winter January 13-14, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Directors:**

Kalia Baillene, Chairman, reported the minutes were approved with minor corrections.She had been assisted by Gloria Blake and Libby Curnow. The minutes would stand as approved.

**Tellers of this Meeting:**

Carolyn Stevens, chairman

Margaret Kirkpatrick

Rosita Aristoff

**Timekeeper for the Meeting:**

Inger Jones was not present and Valerie Seinfeld filled in for her.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES REQUIRING ACTION:**

**Report of Treasurer – Jana Walling** gave her report on profit and loss budget to actual. There were no questions about the report and the report was filed as presented.

**Finance Committee Report – Marge Hendon** reported that the finance committee is working to improve their procedures. NGC will no longer print and mail the National Gardener Magazine and they are considering that for the Florida Gardener. Schools have made money using Zoom. Marge made a motion to accept the budget that Treasurer Jana Walling presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

President Latina asked District Directors if they had any report that required action such as if there were any new clubs or any resigning clubs. There were none.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Bylaws – Cissy Richardson**

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee presented the following for consideration at the Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting, April 11, 2021.

**STANDING RULE 5     FFGC EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

    A.  Tri-Council of FFGC is comprised of three Consultants' Councils: Environment Consultants' Council, Gardening Consultants' Council, and Landscape Design Consultants' Council. Each Council promotes the NGC School it represents.

 **STRIKE** in entirety A**:**

 **​INSERT:** TRI-COUNCIL OF FFGC is comprised of members accredited as a Consultant by National Garden Clubs, Inc. in one or more of the following: Environmental Consultant, Gardening Consultant and Landscape Design Consultant.

**STRIKE** in entirety:  5 A 1.) Environmental Schools a, b;

 2.) Gardening Schools a, b;

                           3.) Landscape Design Schools a, b

**​INSERT:**5A 1) Net income from Environmental Schools, Gardening Schools and Landscape Design Schools shall be shared equally by FFGC, TRI-COUNCIL and the hosting group.

                2) Any deficit from Environmental Schools, Gardening Schools and Landscape Design Schools shall be assumed equally by FFGC and TRI-COUNCIL.

**STRIKE** in entirety: Standing Rules 12, 13 and 14 since we are no longer representing the three schools separately.

**RATIONALE**: Tri-Council recently extensively revised their Rules and Procedures. The revisions reflect those changes regarding FFGC.

**MOTION PASSED**

Standing Rules are adopted by the Board of Directors and do not require adoption by the Delegates at the Annual Convention.

**ART XIV - Headquarters and Endowment Trustees**

Section 1 Membership

a.  The Headquarters and Endowment Trustees shall consist of nine (9) members, three (3) of whom shall be the President, the First Vice President and the Treasurer

     of FFGC.

Section 2 Eligibility

 a.   At least three (3) of the members shall have served as elected officers of FFGC.

 b.   The remaining members shall have served at least two (2) years on the FFGC Board

     of Directors.

**PROPOSED REVISION:   ART XIV  Section 2 Eligibility     a and b**

**​STRIKE**:   a and b in entirety.

**INSERT**:     Section 2 Eligibility   a and b

The remaining six members of the Headquarters and Endowment Trustees elected shall meet the following criteria:

 a.  At least three (3) ​members be currently serving on the FFGC Board of Directors and shall have served as elected Officers of FFGC excepting those currently serving on

    the Executive Committee.

 b.  The remaining three (3) members shall be currently serving and have served at least two (2) years on the FFGC Board of Directors.

**MOTION PASSED**

SEC 2 c presented for adoption only if SEC 2 a is adopted*.*

**INSERT**:  NEW  c.

 Members of the Executive Committee not specifically noted in ARTICLE XIV, Sec 1 Membership a., are not eligible to serve on the H&E Trustees. Members currently serving on the H&E Trustees and

 elected to serve as a member of the Executive Committee other than Pres, 1st VP and Treasurer of FFGC will not be eligible for re-election to the Headquarters and Endowment Trustees.

**PROVISO:**  If adopted, this Bylaw will become effective April 2023.

**MOTION PASSED**

**Awards – Valerie Seinfeld** presented a new award to be voted on. After discussion, President Latina made a motion that it be tabled until the September meeting.

**MOTION PASSED**

Valerie presented awards that had not had any submissions in several years. After much discussion, there would be no vote on the matter since this is a standing rule - Standing Rule 23.

**Convention Chairman** – Kathleen Terlizzo made a motion that FFGC pay all 2021 convention expenses.

**MOTION PASSED**

**Convention Protocol – Joann Guise** went over social distancing instructions for dinner.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Be sure to sign attendance list and write your room number on it.

District Directors and Board members pick up gift bag

Recycling and Reclamation chairman, Carolyn Stevens, has prepared a contest to guess how many corks are in a container at the exhibit table and win a $25 gift certificate.

Turn in tickets for opportunity drawing as soon as possible.

**Adjournment:**

The Pre- Convention Board Meeting of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.