

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Winter Board of Directors Meeting

January 11-12, 2023

Call to Order:

The regular Winter Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. was called to order at 12:32 P.M., January 11, 2023, by President Marge Hendon. President Hendon extended a warm welcome to all members.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America:

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

REGULAR BUSINESS IN ORDER

Appointment of Committees:

The Chair named the following committees who were appointed with no objections.

Committee to Approve the Minutes – Tina Tuttle, Christy Linke, Mary Whisler

Teller of the Meeting: Pat Caren

Timekeeper for this meeting: Sally Flanagan

Introductions

Carol Hall, Deep South Director was introduced. Deep South Garden Club board members were asked to stand and be recognized.

Neither past president, Lois Shuster or Barbara May were in attendance. NGC Board Members were recognized.

FFGC officers were introduced. Jana Walling (Treasurer), Linda Feifarek-Johnson (Corr. Secretary), Carolyn Lowry-Nation (Parliamentarian), Sue Roberts (Rec. Secretary), Mary Whisler (3rd VP), Christy Linke (2nd VP), Tina Tuttle (President-Elect), and Marge Hendon, President.

Report of the Committee to Approve the Minutes of the September 2022 Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors:

Joanne Mulinare reported that the minutes were approved as corrected.

Early Appointments

Mary Whisler was appointed Wekiva Youth Camp Chairman.

Connie Gladding was appointed FFGC Convention Coordinator.

Betty White will be representing District 1 for District Director Joyce Waters-Smith.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Mary Whisler, 3rd VP: report was filed

Christy Linke 2nd VP: report was filed

Tina Tuttle President-Elect: report was filed.

Sue Roberts Recording Sec: report was filed

Linda Johnson Corresponding Sec: announced EA dinner invitation for convention and request for Calendar entries be sent to her.

Carolyn Lowry-Nation Parliamentarian: Read standing rule on speaking at board meeting.

Marge Hendon, President: postponed to tomorrow.

Both Officer, District Directors and Board members' reports can be found on the website under 'reports and minutes' under this meeting date.

We then Sang the FFGC song and Marge handed out gift plants to everyone.

Treasurer: Jana Walling reported on Statement of Activity for June 2022- November 2022. This report is filed with these minutes and can be found on the website in the "reports and minutes" section under this meeting date. Report was also sent to all board members before the meeting.

Treasurer's comments:

June 2022-Nov. 2022 report:

Line 9: Dues amount is 7/12ths of total amount collected for old fiscal year.

Line 14: Will be on budget by end of Dec.

Line 24: Money from district 9 as Avon Park Correctional Institute garden therapy project is turned over to FFGC

Line 41: We are earning interest from money for new building at Wekiva Youth Camp as construction has been delayed.

Line 48: Money received on insurance claim for fallen tree/ President's office

Line 69-72: No money has been received for Hall of Fame, Color our Garden, or Earth Steward

Line 73: Penny Pines proceeds

Line 160: through Nov. 66,801.85 has been paid out on President's office repairs. Total now at \$85,932.98.

Line 162: HVAC replacement project now complete at \$27,250.00.

Line 164-169: Grounds expenses, due to hurricanes we have incurred extra expenses

Line 177: no budget amount was included for utilities, will be corrected in a motion.

Line 186: Website software incurred large increase

Line 201: SEEK over budget.

Jana Walling, treasurer, made the following motions:

MOTION: I move to amend the approved Budget for Account 8966 Utilities, which were approved at the Fall 2022 FFGC Board of Directors Meeting, to budget \$13,200 for 2023 and to retroactively budget \$7,700 for the June 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 interim period. The budget amount for this account was inadvertently omitted in the budget for both periods.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: I move that the duly elected FFGC President, FFGC First Vice President, FFGC Second Vice President, FFGC Third Vice President and FFGC Treasurer be approved as authorized signors on all FFGC bank accounts during their terms of office. This authorization shall continue until such time as it is revoked or amended by this FFGC Board of Directors.

MOTION PASSED

The treasurer asked, that due to IRS regulation to file a form 990, we fill out a report on our average volunteer hours per week. This is for two periods 6/1/21-5/31/22 and 6/1/22-12/31/22. Report is circulating around the room.

Mary Whisler, Wekiva Youth Camp chairman, made two budget amendment motions:

MOTION: to approve a 26% raise in the Wekiva food budget for summer session 2023. Current food budgeted \$34,500; Raise of \$7500 to bring total to \$42,000.00.

Motion passed.

MOTION: to approve a budget increase for labor (\$3,360.00) to provide for an additional part time kitchen food certified staff member (\$26,860).

Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Note: all committee reports are included in the book of Board Chairman Reports. This is kept with the minutes and resides on the website under Reports and Minutes by the date for this meeting. Only motion items are reported in these minutes as all the reports have been filed.

Finance Committee – Tina Tuttle

The FFGC Finance Committee met in January by ZOOM. We considered submitted budgets and financials for FFGC related educational programs and projects and HQ repairs.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee - Cissy Richardson

BYLAWS & STANDING RULES COMMITTEE
BOD REPORT
Cissy Richardson, Chairman
January 11, 2023

ADOPT AS POLICY - "HOW TO CREATE CLUB BYLAWS" The Policy titled "How To Create District Bylaws" was adopted at the September 6, 2022, BOD meeting. We are requesting adoption of the policy titled "How to Create Club Bylaws". A copy of this policy was included on the email you received Sunday, January 8th. Both policies will be available for use by Districts and or Clubs and posted on the FFGC website.

ADOPTED 1/11/23

ON BEHALF OF THE BYLAWS & STANDING RULES COMMITTEE, I MOVE -

ART IV Dues and Fees Sec 1 e. STRIKE: e and (1) in entirety. Dues shall be payable to FFGC and shall be remitted to Headquarters by June 1. Dues of members enrolled after June 1 shall be payable immediately.
(1) Dues shall be delinquent if not received by June 30, and a notice shall be sent. If not received by November 1, membership and all privileges shall be forfeited unless and until reinstated.

INSERT: Dues shall be payable to FFGC and shall be remitted to Headquarters by May 1. Dues of members enrolled after May 1 shall be payable immediately.
(1) Dues shall be delinquent if not received by May 1 and a notice shall be sent. If not received by June 1, a notice shall be sent. If not received by June 30, membership and all privileges shall be forfeited unless and until reinstated.
PROVISO: Effective Jan 1, 2024

(2) No change.

- RATIONALE:**
- Address the issue of club members/officers leaving for the summer without having paid dues for the upcoming garden club year.
 - Submission of updated information for the Book of Information which is compiled over the summer for fall distribution including current contact information for the Officers and members.
 - The NGC dues are payable June 1 and delinquent October 31. FFGC dues are delinquent after November 1 which does not allow FFGC dues/membership numbers to NGC to be accurate without being delinquent.

PROCEDURE: The Membership Chairman would send Dues Notice out the middle of March.
The revised date for the FFGC dues collection would be May 1 instead of June 1.
With Bylaw revision, the dues would be delinquent June 1 and a notice sent.
Dues not received by June 30, would result in forfeit of membership privileges.
This allows for collection of FFGC dues prior to the summer hiatus that many clubs observe.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

ART III, IV and XI ESTABLISHING ONLINE (E) CLUB
ART III MEMBERS Sec I Voting Membership
a. Eligibility, Admission INSERT: (4) ONLINE (E) CLUB
An Online (E) Club shall have a membership of not less than ten (10). Application for membership shall be submitted

to the FFGC Board of Directors through the FFGC 3rd Vice President. The application shall be accompanied by per capita dues and an alphabetical list of names, District number, mailing address and email address of all members. A majority vote of the Executive Committee shall elect the club which shall immediately be entitled to all rights and subject to all responsibilities of membership. Ratification shall follow at the next Board of Directors meeting.

ART IV DUES AND FEES

Sec 1 **INSERT: ONLINE (E) CLUB** If adopted, this will read: The annual dues of each Garden Club, **Online (E) Club** and each Garden Club organized on the Circle Plan.....

d. **INSERT: including Online (E) Clubs** If adopted, this will read: Annual FFGC dues of members belonging to two or more Garden Clubs **including Online (E) Clubs** and Garden Clubs organized.....

ART XI REPRESENTATION Sec 1 b. Garden Clubs **INSERT: including Online (E) Clubs**

RATIONALE: Formation of Online (E) Clubs are being considered in the state. One existed a number of years but was never formally identified as a FFGC Club. Above will make Online (E) Clubs legal with procedure to follow.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: **YES** LOST: COMMITTEE:

STANDING RULES

REVISED STANDING RULES WILL BE CORRECTLY NUMBERED & REVISIONS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

8 BOOK OF INFORMATION – subsection d. **Six (6) One (1) copies copy** shall remain in the files for the use of the succeeding *Book of Information* Chairman.

If adopted this will read: One copy shall remain in the files..... **RATIONALE:** Files are stored electronically.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: **YES** LOST: COMMITTEE:

9 *The Florida Gardener* **STRIKE: RED** **INSERT: GREEN**

a. Each Club shall be responsible for maintaining a current membership list and shall notify the FFGC Office **Manager/Coordinator** promptly of changes of names, address, zip code, **email address** and **telephone number**, members added and members dropped. **Most** members shall receive the Florida Gardener **online**. **If mailed, a legally married couple will receive one copy of The Florida Gardener.**

RATIONALE: Published online for members. If a printed copy is mailed, one copy for legally married couples.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: LOST: COMMITTEE: **TO COMMITTEE**

10 and # 11 **STRIKE IN ENTIRETY** combining # 10 and # 11 **INSERT: new SR # 10**

10 OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS/PUBLICATIONS

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(1) FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (FFGC) CALENDAR

- a. Material selected for the FFGC Calendar may appear in local news media prior to being published in the FFGC Calendar. Material having appeared in books, magazines or other copyrighted or trademarked and national media shall not be accepted for the FFGC Calendar.
- b. Disposition of calendars not sold will return to Ways and Means and become the responsibility of the FFGC Third Vice President.

RATIONALE: Combining of rules regarding publications.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: LOST: COMMITTEE: TO COMMITTEE

12 FLORIDA FLOWER SHOW JUDGES INSERT: The Florida Flower Show Judges (FFSJ) organization is composed of members accredited by National Garden Clubs.

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DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: LOST: COMMITTEE: TO COMMITTEE

14 PROTECTED PLANTS STRIKE: in entirety RATIONALE: The list of protected plants etc is not required in Bylaws. FFSJ has list.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

15 ENDORSEMENTS FOR FFGC OFFICERS INSERT: d. submitted Letter of Endorsement

INSERT: e. All qualified candidates will be interviewed by the FFGC Nominating Committee.

STRIKE: f. The Resume Form (pdf) file may be downloaded from the FFGC website.

NOTE: The Standing Rule for ENDORSEMENTS FOR FFGC OFFICERS will be rearranged in correct order of procedure. This change will not affect the verbiage with exceptions for Insertion and strike listed above.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

16, # 17 and # 18 STRIKE: in entirety combining 16, 17 and 18

INSERT: SR # 16 FFGC PRESIDENT'S PINS/JEWELRY

- a. The FFGC President's pin/jewelry shall be presented at the installation ceremony by the retiring President. The immediate former President representing the FFGC at the National Garden Clubs Convention that same year shall wear the FFGC President's pin/jewelry.
- b. Each Vice President shall be presented with an FFGC pin/jewelry. The FFGC First Vice President's pin/jewelry shall be presented to the incoming First Vice President at the installation ceremony by the outgoing First Vice President. The FFGC Second Vice President's pin/jewelry shall be presented to the incoming Second Vice President at the installation ceremony by the outgoing Second Vice President. The FFGC Third Vice President's pin /jewelry shall be presented to the incoming Third Vice President at the installation ceremony by the outgoing Third Vice President.
- c. Each executive officer (President; First, Second and Third Vice President) shall sign a Letter of Agreement to return the FFGC pin/jewelry if a situation arises that he/she can no longer perform his/her duties. A copy of this letter shall be kept in the presentation box bearing the pin/jewelry and at Headquarters.
- d. Former President's pins/jewelry shall be presented at the installation ceremony by the incoming President. Former Presidents' pins/jewelry are the property of FFGC and should not be altered. The Chairman of the Advisory Council shall be responsible for the inventory of former FFGC Presidents' pins/jewelry. The Chairman of the Advisory Council, prior to the installation ceremony, shall insure that the immediate former President and a member of his/her family sign a Letter of Agreement to return this property to FFGC upon death or when no longer able to represent FFGC. A copy of the letter shall be kept in the presentation box and at FFGC Headquarters.
- e. The NGC pin worn by Mrs. Carrol O Griffin may be worn by the FFGC President on occasion and shall be

maintained in the safe at FFGC Headquarters.

f. Any additional Former Presidents' pins/jewelry shall be maintained in the safe at FFGC Headquarters. Former President pins/jewelry shall be fabricated by a jeweler of choice in a timely manner as the budget allows. Usable mold for the pin shall be maintained in the safe at FFGC Headquarters.

g. All FFGC pins/jewelry shall be insured under the FFGC insurance policy and periodically appraised.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

19 ADVISORY COUNCIL STRIKE: In entirety

INSERT: The Advisory Council shall be composed of FFGC Former Presidents. The immediate former FFGC President shall be the Chairman of the Advisory Council. The Chairman shall be responsible for the inventory of former FFGC Presidents' pins. The Advisory Council is charged with advising the current FFGC President or as requested by the Board of Directors. The Advisory Council shall meet at the Fall and Winter Meetings of the FFGC Board of Directors or as requested.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

20 PRECIOUS METAL AND GEMSTONES STATUS INSERT: 95 years – Blue Diamond
100 years -Centenary Diamond
125 years- Blue Star Sapphire

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

21 AWARDS STRIKE: existing Standing Rule

INSERT: # 21 FFGC AWARDS One application is required for each award found on the FFGC website.

a. ADULT and YOUTH AWARDS

1. An FFGC Awards Program shall be developed and maintained. Award descriptions including eligibility therefore, shall be published on the FFGC website. The website shall include the award processes and procedures.
2. FFGC shall include in its General Fund budget an amount to fund all FFGC Awards during the fiscal year except as noted for the Flower Show Related Awards.
3. The FFGC Awards Committee may secure any FFGC member or other expert in the subject of the award to judge award applications.
4. All presentations of FFGC Awards are the responsibility of the FFGC Awards Committee as directed by the FFGC President.
5. Proposed awards and award changes shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval and if adopted, published in *The Florida Gardener* and the FFGC website. Proposed new FFGC awards shall not bear the name of a person, place or organization.
6. Awards having no activity for four (4) successive calendar years may be discontinued. The awards proposed for discontinuation shall be announced at the Winter Board of Directors Meeting. Input from the Board shall be solicited at this meeting and taken into consideration by the Awards Committee prior to the final discontinuation of such awards. The final list will be announced at the Pre-Convention Board of Directors meeting.

b. FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

1. FFGC Flower Show Achievement Awards See the FFGC website - Awards for specific details. Application requires a Book of Evidence and three (3) Flower Show Evaluations following NGC Rules.
2. FFGC shall include in its General Fund budget an amount to fund all FFGC Flower Show Awards during the fiscal year.
3. Proposed awards and award changes shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval and if adopted, published in *The Florida Gardener* and on the FFGC website. Proposed new awards shall not bear the name of a person, place or organization.

c. FLOWER SHOW RELATED AWARDS

1. See the FFGC website - Awards for criteria. These awards may not be altered without consultation with the FFSJ Executive Committee.

2. FFSJ accepts the financial responsibility for these awards.

RATIONALE: Clarify the Adult, Youth, Flower Show and Flower Show Related Awards including financial responsibility.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

23 POLICIES OF FFGC, INC. Minor spelling, punctuation corrections in A and B.

c. WHISTLE BLOWER POLICY STRIKE: Board INSERT: FFGC

If adopted this will read: If a member has a reasonable belief that a member has engaged in any action that violates any applicable law, or regulation, including those concerning accounting and auditing, or constitutes a fraudulent practice, the member is expected to immediately report such information to the (Board) FFGC President. If the member does not feel comfortable reporting the information to the (Board) FFGC President, he or she is expected to report the information to the First Vice President.

INSERT: d. VISITORS TO THE FFGC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Visitors in attendance at an FFGC Board Meeting must sign in with the Parliamentarian prior to the Call to Order. Non-members of the Board of Directors may not speak or vote on any issue since they are not a member of the Board of Directors.

e. Photographs, videos or recordings of FFGC meetings or activities must be pre-approved and/or announced to participants.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

24 FFGC E-MAIL VOTING GUIDELINES

d. At the end of the time period for debate, the FFGC Recording Secretary/~~STRIKE: Chair~~ INSERT: Committee Recording Secretary shall e-mail a ballot on which the motion is stated and a "for" or "against" box is provided, to be returned using ~~STRIKE: reply all.~~ INSERT: reply.

~~STRIKE: i and j.~~ INSERT:

i. At the end of the voting period, the FFGC Recording Secretary/Committee Recording Secretary shall send a Teller's Report to the FFGC President/Committee Chairman that will include:
(1) Date and time the motion was sent and the polls were open; (2) Number of votes cast; (3) Votes necessary for adoption (majority); (4) Votes for motion; (5) Votes against; and (6) Illegal votes.

Remaining letters will be corrected.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

25 FFGC GUIDELINES FOR ELETRONIC/TELEPHONE MEETINGS

~~STRIKE: Many free services are available with telephone and/or video conferencing for this purpose.~~

INSERT: (new paragraph within description) Many free services are available. All charges incurred are the responsibility of the group scheduling the meeting. FFGC hosts are limited to FFGC Board of Directors, Executive Committee or Standing Committees meetings unless approved by the President. All other called meetings including District meetings, etc. will have a private host selected by persons scheduling the meeting.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

26 DEEP SOUTH REGIONAL DIRECTOR & ALTERNATE REGIONAL DIRECTOR ~~STRIKE: title in entirety~~
INSERT: DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (DSGC) DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

~~STRIKE: a.~~ STRIKE Regional INSERT: Region

a. (3) Have attended two (2) of the three (3) previous Deep South Regional Conventions at time of election.

INSERT: a. (3) Have attended a minimum of two DSGC Conventions and may include the DSGC Convention when installed.

~~STRIKE: a. (4) Have attended a minimum of two (2) NGC Conventions and may include the NGC Convention at which they are~~

installed.

STRIKE: b. (1) permanently The offices of Deep South Regional Director and Deep South Alternate Director shall be **permanently** rotated among the Deep South Region states

b. (1) – (5) and c. (3) **STRIKE: Regional** **INSERT: Region**
The **Regional/Region** Director and the Alternate **Regional** Director

NOTE: The Bylaws adopted by DSGC refer to the REGION DIRECTOR and the ALTERNATE DIRECTOR respectively. All references to Regional Director or Alternate Regional Director are incorrect. Correct: REGION DIRECTOR and ALTERNATE DIRECTOR.

b. (4) **INSERT: their** prior to duties; **INSERT: or until their successors are elected**
STRIKE: NGC **INSERT: DSGC**

This will now read: The Director and Alternate Director shall assume their duties of office for a two-year term at the close of the DSGC Convention in the odd-numbered year or until their successors are elected.

RATIONALE : All of the above revisions have been adopted by DSGC. FFGC Standing Rules revised to reflect DSG revisions.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

27 MEMORIALS/EULOGIES POLICIES **STRIKE: c. Pillar of Pride will be presented as a memorial to the family of deceased FFGC Presidents.**

RATIONALE: Person serving as FFGC President would have already received the Pillar of Pride at some point in time.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

28 GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY Last sentence **STRIKE: Organization** **INSERT: Corporation**

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

29 REQUEST TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE **STRIKE: in entirety**

INSERT: Requests should be received at least two weeks prior to the Board of Directors or Convention meeting. All requests will be addressed as soon as possible with emergency requests taking precedence. A response to the person/committee making the request will be made by email/telephone or in person to indicate action taken or continued review. Persons acquainted with the subject matter may be asked for input.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

30 CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY **STRIKE: The Conflict of Interest Policy of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.: (1) defines conflict of interest (2) identifies classes of individuals within the Organization covered by the policy; (3) facilitates disclosure of information that may help identify conflicts of interest; and (4) specifies procedures to be followed in managing conflicts of interest.**

INSERT: The Conflict of Interest Policy is intended to protect the Corporation’s interests, is designed to help directors, officers and employees of FFGC identify situations that present potential conflicts of interest and provides the FFGC with a procedure that, if observed, will allow a transaction to be treated as valid and binding even though a director, officer or employee has or may have a conflict of interest with respect to the transaction.

RATIONALE: Updating the Policy to protect the corporation.

DATE: 1/11/23 ADOPTED: YES LOST: COMMITTEE:

32 INSERT: AMENDING STANDING RULES

The Bylaws of FFGC govern the structure and operation of the Corporation. FFGC Standing Rules amplify the Bylaws, clarifying procedures and practices followed in carrying out the corporation’s activities. Standing Rules are more flexible and can be created, amended or stricken after presentation by the Bylaws Committee to the Board of Directors followed by a majority vote of the FFGC Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: A stated policy for Standing Rules amendments needs to be clearly stated in print.

DATE: 1/11/23

ADOPTED: YES

LOST:

COMMITTEE:

Bylaws Committee: Cissy Richardson, Chairman; Marge Hendon, Arlene Rand, Tina Tuttle, Rosita Aristoff, Margaret Chodosh, Judi Jodoin and Carolyn Nation, Parliamentarian.

Membership and Membership Retention Committee – Jane Nendick

FFGC Headquarters and Endowment Committee – Sue Roberts, Chairman

Election of the Nominating Committee for H&E Committee

President appointed **Sue Angle** to Chair this committee

Helen Purvis and Linda Johnson were elected by the Board of Directors to serve on this committee.

The President brought in the Office Coordinator, Robin Hayes, to officially thank her for her first year of employment.

Strategic Planning Committee – Gina Jogan

FFGC Matching Grants – Gina Jogan

Election of Delegates to 2023 DSGC Convention in LA

Deep South Garden Club board members are automatically delegates. We may have 10 delegates and 10 alternates.

Linda Johnson was elected and others were asked to submit their names if they decide to attend this convention.

District Reports

District IX – Dale DeFeo

District X – Michele Maguire

District XI – Sharon Bogard, absent, report was read

District XII – Leticia Gunn

Convention 2023 – Susie Berryhill/ Kelley Wood

Blue Star markers – Rosita Aristoff

Bees – Christy Linke

Florida Gardener – Lisa Packard

Motion: Motion was made by Lisa Packard and seconded by Donna Thomas that the Florida Gardener go to total electronic distribution with printed editions only available to those who subscribe (\$3.75 per issue or \$15 per year) effective in the Fall of 2023.

Motion failed.

Election of New Members of the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

Brenda Luedeman, chairman of the nominating committee for Bylaws and Standing Rules committee submitted **Inger Jones** and **Linda Johnson** for election to this committee. Both were elected.

Election of Delegates and Alternates to the 2023 National Garden Clubs convention

Convention is May 2-5, 2023, in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. All NGC Board members are automatically delegates. We are entitled to 10 more delegates and 10 alternatives. The following BOD members were elected: **Andrea Finn, Carol Hall, Connie Gladding, Tina Tuttle, Christy Linke, Rosita Aristoff, and Lisa Packard.** Others can submit their names if they decide to attend this convention.

The President introduced **Kathryn Sickling**, hospitality chairman and thanked her for the reception to follow when meeting adjourns for the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40PM and to resume at 9:00AM tomorrow.

Minutes of the FFGF BOD meeting 1/12/2023 continued

Reconvene at 9:10 AM

President's Report – Marge Hendon

Marge spoke of FFGC, the garden clubs and members using the analogy of the Christmas Cactus, that she gave us all, relating us to the segments and the stems and flowers of the plant.

By-laws – Cissy Richarson

Brought back the three items that were sent back to committee for rewording.

THE FOLLOWING STANDING RULES WERE SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR REPORT 1/12/23:

SR # 9 *The Florida Gardener* STRIKE: RED INSERT: GREEN

- a. Each Club shall be responsible for maintaining a current membership list and shall notify the FFGC Office **Manager/Coordinator** promptly of changes of names, address, zip code, **email address** and **telephone number**, members added and members dropped. **Members shall receive may access *The Florida Gardener* digitally. If mailed, a legally married couple will receive one copy of *The Florida Gardener*.**

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ADOPTED: 1 12/23

SR # 10 and 11 STRIKE IN ENTIRETY

INSERT: # 10 OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS/PUBLICATIONS

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ADOPTED: 1/12/23

SR # 12 FLORIDA FLOWER SHOW JUDGES (FFSJ)

INSERT: The Florida Flower Show Judges (FFSJ) organization is composed of members accredited by National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The President of the Florida Flower Show Judges shall serve as a chairman on the FFGC Board of Directors acting as liaison between FFGC and FFSJ. STRIKE: as a chairman INSERT: FFGC, FFSJ

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ADOPTED: 1/12/23

District IV – Connie Gladding

District V – Donna Thomas

District VI- Suzi Bailey

Ratify evote held on 9/9/22 to accept the membership of Deltona Garden Club

Amazon Smiles – Linda Johnson

FFGC Nominating committee – Helen Purvis

Presented the following slate of nominees for FFGC Officers for 2023-2025.

1st Vice President – Christy Linke

2nd Vice President – Mary Whisler

3rd Vice President – Leticia Gunn

Recording secretary – Jennifer Barber

Treasurer – Jana Walling

Tri-Council – Pat Caren

District I – Betty White for Joyce Waters-Smith

District VIII – Kitty Wallace

District VII – Charlotte White

Penny Pines – Andrea Finn

DSGC Convention – Carol Hall

FFSJ – Parke Finold

Wekiva Volunteer Training – Mary Whisler

S.E.E.K. – Mary Whisler for Jennifer Seymour

100th Celebration – Tina Tuttle

MOTION: Move that FFGC modify its existing logo by adding an outer ring “One Hundred Year 1924-2024” and replace our current logo on all stationary, forms and documents beginning April 20, 2023.

Motion made by Tina Tuttle, seconded by Dale DeFeo

Motion Passed.

Short Course North – Tina Tuttle

8/9-10/2023, not a tri-refresher, Pensacola area

Wekiva Youth Camp – Christy Linke

Tropical Short Course – Michele Maguire

1/26-27/2023, not a tri-refresher

FFGC Scholarships – Helen Purvis

Environment – Lydia Barbour

Presented new Category 1 and 2 Invasive species list

Would like to see Control Invasive Species position paper dated 5/10/2012 updated

Announcements

Opportunity Drawing Tickets

Reports due to Sue Roberts

Benediction – Pat Strawn

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Susan Roberts
Susan Roberts, Recording Secretary

Attest:

Marjorie Hendon *Marjorie Hendon* _____

Marjorie Hendon, President

Committee to approve the minutes: Tina Tuttle, Christy Linke, Mary Whisler

Looks great. Pat Caren has two spots where her name is spelled Pat Caren. 1st page as Teller and next to last page for Tri-Council. Other wise perfect. Marge

Minutes approved with corrections by Tina Tuttle, Christy Linke, and Mary Whisler

Reports Electronically filed with minutes:

Book of Officer and DD Reports

Book of Board Reports

Financial Report

How to Create District Bylaws

How to Create Club Bylaws

Letter from Florida Department of State – FFGC Articles of Amendment to the Article of Incorporation file on 7/25/2022