

Tri-Council of FFGC
September 10, 2019
Winter Park, Florida
Minutes
Susan Slater, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Inger Jones at 10:10 am.

The President introduced a new member to Tri-Council, Donna Thompson. The President reported that the minutes were attached to the newsletter and will not be read as stated in The Call, the first item on the agenda is the 2019 -2021 proposed budgets. This was old business that was not done at the April meeting.

We had missed the invocation ad Pledge of Allegiance, so the President returned to them with a short prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of the Tri-Council Treasurer, Carol Hall, presented the Proposed Budget. She provided the rational for a budget, which is attached. She then read the Tri-Council proposed budget. All the assembled Tri-Council members voted on the budget in the affirmative and the budget for the Tri-Council for the years 2019-2021 passed. These budgets were mail out on February 27, to be voted on at the Tri-Council meeting at FFGC convention in April but were deleted from the agenda.

Carol Hall continued with each individual council's proposed budgets for the years 2019-2021. Each was voted on separately. There being no questions, Environmental Consultants Council members were asked to stand for the vote. All voted in the affirmative and the proposed budget that that council passed.

This procedure was repeated for the Gardening Councils and the Landscape Design Council. All three proposed budgets for the years 2019-2021 were passed.

Carol Hall continued as she read into the record the Tri-Council financials report. There being no questions, the financial report was approved.

President Jones recognized Phyllis Weber from the floor. She would like to change the LDCC budget. Carol Hall talked about what a budget is, which a guideline is. She pointed out that a council does not want to spend all its funds leaving the council with no funds. The budget can be amended within the LDCC meeting but not in the general Tri-Council meeting.

Carol Hall read Tri-Council's financial report. Within the report were the steps to to a budget, based on Tri-Council's procedures.

President Jones asked Elaine Parisi if she would serve as the timekeeper. It was stated that each report had 3 minutes.

Carol Hall, a member of the Bylaw Committee presented the following motion in the absence of Carolyn Schaag, Chairman to replace the existing Standing Rules.(see attached for each Council)

SR 2. School Finance a, and b for:

Environmental Consultants Council

Gardening Consultants Council

Landscape Design Consultants Council.

Vote was call for Environmental CC on the proposed SR 2. Changes. Vote was unanimous and SR 2 was adopted.

Vote was called for Gardening CC on the proposed SR 2. Changes. The vote was unanimous, and SR 2 was adopted.

The vote was called for Landscape Design CC on the proposed SR2. Changes. The vote was unanimous and SR2 was adopted.

The main consideration is to present a balanced budget prior to any event or school, as well as a financial statement when each course is complete.

See attached for as to what is required. Again, Carol Hall stressed that it is the same for all 3 schools.

President Jones advised that no other consultants have requested time on the agenda, so we will now have the individual council reports.

Environmental Consultants President Jackie Hosts reads the report of her council.

President Jones then called the Gardening Consultants President Brenda Leudeman to present her report of the council.

President Jones called Susan Slater, Secretary to read the Landscape Design Consultants Council report.

President Jones called Mary Whisler, for her report on the Weikiva campers that Tri-Council had sponsored this past summer.

President Inger Jones shared the following items with the members.

- There is an advocacy dinner to take place during Tropical Short course at the Mounts Botanical Gardens in January.
- The primer about advocacy will soon be on the website for referral. Carol Hall mentioned that members could attend Legislative Days in Tallahassee.
- Reviewed the timeline on how Tri-Council was formed in 2008 from 2 separate councils. The by llays were adopted in 2018.
- The Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. is the new name for the former Deep South Region of NGC.
- Mona Johnston is the new person that will be compiling the FFGC position papers.
- Phyllis Webber presented a letter from Sheryl Perkins for the Landscape Design Consultants. It was not read into the minutes and no discussion followed.

President Jones introduced Jackie Host for her program entitled "Water Water Everywhere and Not a Drop to Drink."

President Jones asked that everyone check the information in the yearbook and if there is an error fills the correction on the clip board so that Mary Whisler can make the corrections.

President Jones relayed information from Carolyn Schaag for recycled items to be placed in the work room. A sign is posted.

There be no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.