

**Meeting called to Order at 10:10am by Vice President, Pat Caren**

**Welcome – Vice President, Pat Caren**

Vice President welcomed all members and advised membership that she would be chairing the meeting as President Host could not be here today. Vice President Caren introduced the Executive Board Members who were present: Carolyn Schaag, Treasurer; Inger Jones, Secretary & Parliamentarian; Brenda Luedeman, Gardening Representative & Zoom sponsor for Tri-Council; Janice Miller, Environmental Representative; and Barbara Magnuson, Landscape Design Representative.

On behalf of Tri-Council, a special welcome was extended to Barbara May, former NGC President; Carol Hall, Deep South Garden Clubs Director and former FFGC President; plus former FFGC Presidents Carolyn Schaag, Gloria Blake, Sue Angle, and Arlene Rand; and to our current FFGC President, Marge Hendon.

The Vice President introduced former Tri-Council presidents who were present: Carolyn Schaag, Inger Jones, and Carolyn Lowry-Nation.

In addition State School Chairmen present were introduced: Lydia Barbour, Environmental & Credentials; Mercy Abrams, Gardening; Susie MacPherson, Landscape Design. Linda Johnson, Credentials Chairman for Gardening and Landscape Design Schools was unable to attend.

**Invocation & Pledge – Carolyn Schaag**

Carolyn Schaag presented a memorial service for Joan Ochs former FFGC President and Tri-Council Member and Pat Carver former Tri-Council President, followed by prayer. No pledge as we did not have a flag.

**Quorum:** The Vice President declared a quorum present. (Copy of sign in sheet attached)

**Timekeeper** – with no objections, Connie Gladding accepted the appointment as Timekeeper. It was requested that reports and comments be limited to 3 minutes.

**Minutes** – Secretary, Inger Jones. Secretary advised that minutes of previous meeting was approved by the Executive Board and uploaded to our website. Minutes are password protected and require consultants to create a password.

**Financial Report – Treasurer, Carolyn Schaag.**

Treasurer read financial report June 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Balance as of 5/31/2021 was \$18,870.53. Revenue \$14,887.32 and expenses \$5,075.33 with a total balance as of 5/31/2022 of \$19,412.65 (Copy attached)

**Reports:**

**Vice President, Pat Caren - Directory**

**Vice President advised that there will be no mailing of the directory and if anyone is in need of one, please contact her and she would email you a copy.**

**Finance Committee – Inger Jones Chairman read her report advising that both school courses were in the black. (Copy attached).**

**State School Chairmen:**

**Environmental & Credentials – Lydia Barbour gave an abbreviated report of status of environmental schools. (Copy attached).**

**Gardening – Mercy Abrams (Copy attached)**

**Landscape Design – Susie MacPherson (Copy attached)**

**Credentials Chairman for Gardening and Landscape Design – unable to attend.**

**The Chair recognized Barbara May. Barbara May advised that there were 106 refreshing consultants at the Tropical Short Course Tri-Refresher held in Greenacres.**

**Tri-Council Representatives**

**Environmental Janice Miller reported, copy attached.**

**Gardening Brenda Luedeman, no report.**

**Landscape Design Barbara A. Magnuson, Report read by Secretary, copy attached.**

**New Business**

**Tree for Pat Carver – Carolyn Schaag. At the memorial service for Pat Carver, Treasurer met President of Pat's garden club. Treasurer told her that Tri-Council would make a donation of \$50.00 for a memorial tree. This is in accordance with Tri-Council Rules and Procedures, Standing Rules. President of club will advise Treasurer the name of the tree and when installation will take place.**

**Upcoming schools in Florida (See Chairmen reports)**

**University of Florida/District V Summer Short Course: June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>, Gainesville**

**Short Course North: August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, Crestview**

**Landscape Design School, Course 2: September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, Jacksonville Beach**

**Environmental School, Course 1: October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, Tampa**

**Environmental School, Course 2: November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Ft. Meyers**

**Other Announcements:**

**Earth Steward: Vice President was pleased to announce that Tri-Council will present an Earth Steward Award to Lisa Rinamen of Jacksonville. Lisa is the St. Johns Riverkeeper, the chief advocate and public voice for the St. Johns River. She has a long record of working with governmental and private entities as well as environmental groups as an advocate for water**

conservation and to protect our waterways and the life that depends on them. Lisa could not join us today. President Jackie Host and I will take the award to Jacksonville to present it to her after the convention.

Carolyn Schaag presented Tri-Council certificates and pins along with Pat Caren, Vice President and Inger Jones, Secretary.

The Tri-Consultant's in attendance Mercy Abrams, Janice Miler, Sue Roberts received their certificates and pins. Andrea Finn, Susan Hillson, Emily Kane, Barbara Magnuson, Nancy Miller and Kathy Schemmel certificates and pins will be given to their District Directors. Master Tri-Consultants present received bar to add to their pin: Sally Flanagan, Brenda Luedeman, and Joanne Mulinare. Tina Tuttle's certificate and pin to be given to Gina Jogan.

Tri-Council now has 44 Tri-Consultants and 17 Master Tri-Consultants.

Tomorrow night the NGC 4-Star will be presented to Mercy Abrams, Susan Hillson, Emily Kane, Janice Miller and Nancy Miller. The NGC 5-Star will be given to Inger Jones. Congratulations to all.

Vice President Pat Caren – with no other business to be brought before the membership, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

*Inger Jones*  
Secretary