

26 January 2009

To the members of the Rio Lindo Garden Club of Port St. Lucie

Members have suggested three amendments of the By-Laws of the Club to the By-Laws Committee.

Article I, Section 6 (page 17)

Reads: The Treasurer shall maintain a correct list of the club members and their addresses to be forwarded to the State Treasurer with the dues.

Change: The Treasurer shall receive from the Membership Chairman a list of new members and their addresses, and shall forward the list of members with the appropriate dues to the State Treasurer each May.

Rationale: The new wording describes the current procedure.

Passed  
3/23/2009

Article III, Section 1 (page 17)

Reads: The Executive Board consisting of the elected officers, such chairmen as the membership deems necessary and the appointed Chaplain and Parliamentarian, shall meet once each month from September through May...

Change: Delete the requirement for the Chaplain and Parliamentarian to attend Board Meetings.

Rationale: This wording reflects current practice. The Chaplain and Parliamentarian may, of course, attend Board Meetings if they wish to do so. The Membership Chairman could be invited to attend Board Meetings under the first line of the Section.

Not  
Passed

Article V, Section 2 (page 18)

Reads: Active members shall pay TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00) per year. Associate members shall pay THIRTY DOLLARS (\$30.00) per year.

Change: Members shall pay TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) per year.

Rationale: We have only one Associate Member. New members are now all vested in full membership. The increase of \$5.00 per year would help to pay the costs of rising rents for meeting space, rising postage, and rising costs for general operation such as printing and luncheon supplies.

Passed  
3/23/2009

Please give these suggested changes your careful consideration.

Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of our Club.



Linda T. Yates  
Chairman, By-Laws Committee

RIO LLINDO GARDEN CLUB  
MINUTES OF THE METING OF 23 MARCH 2009

Donna called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.  
She thanked Emily and Connie for giving us the workshop of making paper butterflies.  
We all got a copy of the pattern, so we can decorate plants and gift boxes with them.

We followed along as Donna read the FFGC Collect and joined her in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Hostesses Evie, Irene, Jan, Doris, Emily, Sophie and Lois were thanked for preparing today's luncheon.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read. We took a fabulous field trip to Miami in lieu of the February meeting. Donna described it briefly.

Theresa reported a balance in the checking account of \$3,243.65 and our CD with accrued interest is valued at \$1,655.50 as of February 28. Most of the income and expenses for the card party are in now, and Marie said we netted \$711.28.

Evie announced that the meeting today is attended by 31 members, and 5 guests: Fran, Claudine, Jeannie, Karen and Grace. We hope some of these ladies will join our ranks.

Olga announced that the letters are ready for the SEEK applicants. Gladys said there is lots of interest in the Wekiva program. She is waiting for the applications to come from Wekiva.

Evie announced that she sent 8 birthday cards, and a sympathy card to Betty Fleming. We are all sad to hear that she lost her husband.

Marie reminded us of the luncheon on April 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Harborage Yacht Club. Please pay your \$25 and choose your entree today so Marie can order the lunches. New officers for the next two years will be installed.

Old Business:

The Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden will be opening its Nature Center by the end of this year. Since the Garden Club is a founding member we will work with the Board of the Friends of the Garden to see what kind of a garden we might contribute. Donna suggested, and our Board approved, asking about a container garden. We felt it would be easier for our member-volunteers to maintain, and is a valuable demonstration of water-wise techniques. There will be a plant sale on April 24 at the garden. All members are invited to come and enjoy it, and spend a while at our table.

Proposed changes to the By-Laws were reviewed as presented in January, then put to a vote of the membership. A change in language to accurately reflect new procedures for

reporting membership by the Treasurer to FFGC was approved. With the advent of the computer, this function has changed.

A change to raise the annual dues from \$20 to \$25 also passed. We have been notified that FFGC is raising the amount for each member to be sent into the State organization. Generally, the members felt that instead of raising the dues any higher, they would prefer to pay for each individual event as we do now. The final vote was 22 for and 9 against.

The final piece of Old Business was to elect officers for the next two years. Candidates who have agreed to be nominated are Connie Lydon, President; Marie Bukowski, 2nd Vice President; Linda Yates, Recording Secretary; Ginger Opett, Corresponding Secretary; and Darlene Enzian, Treasurer. Joleen King has agreed to take on part of the 1st Vice President's job, but needs another member to be a co-1st Vice President with her. Joan Hartsock volunteered for the position and our slate was full. Donna asked if anyone wished to nominate any other person from the floor for any position. There being no further nominations, she called for a vote. The slate was elected for 2009-2011.

Connie thanked everyone for their help while she was 1st Vice President and is looking forward to her term as President. She has chosen "Growing Together" as her theme. She is excited that Rio Lindo Garden Club will be celebrating their 50th year during her term.

Donna and Joleen announced that we need a Liaison to the Daytona Beach meeting in 2010.

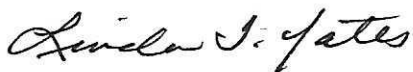
Marie thanked everyone who worked on the card party, especially Evie and Theresa who helped with the tickets. She thanked everyone who pitched in with set up, in the kitchen, and serving. She started listing people, but everyone helped, so we gave ourselves a big hand. The party was a big success, both at a social event and as a fund raiser.

The Spring District X meeting will be in Boynton Beach on April 13. After the meeting there will be a visit to Mounts Botanical Garden.

Connie needs delegates to the State Meeting, which is also coming up next month.

Our speaker will be Carole Williams, who will talk about "Butterflies in the Garden".

Donna adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.



Linda T. Yates, Recording Secretary