



Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs
Board Meeting Minutes
Rodger Williams Casino
March 28, 2024

President Judy Gray called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

Reminder: Silence your cell phones at this time

Roll Call Pat Yearwood, Recording Secretary: 15 Clubs present / 12 Clubs absent

Presidents Report:

- **Minutes of Feb 22, 24, Business Meeting** were electronically sent out. Minutes approved as submitted.

Executive Board:

VP Kathleen Damiani, WCGC present

Treas. Paul Nunes, Rehoboth & Edgewood GC present

Corresponding Sec., Kathy Bessette, Angle Tree & GGC present

Recording Sec. Pat Yearwood WCGC present

- **A moment of silence in memory of Nina Kurtz requested.** A fund in her memory -Nina Kurtz Memorial Program Fund set up by Bill Kurtz, Nina's husband. Funds will support funding of Barrington Garden Club budget annually per Rebecca Burke President of the BGC. RIFGC donated to Life Member in her name.

Presidents Thank You's:

- **Thank you! Portsmouth G.C** for providing Hospitality. It is very much appreciated. The trip was via the Newport Jamestown Bridges. This is PGC 90th year anniversary having been est. 1934. Congratulations. The club has a long-standing history of creating and caring for gardens, programs, and civic endeavors. Check out RIFGC for club events to support.
- **To all who continue the battle to drive from and to the East Bay.** Let's continue to gather, support each other's club events. Alternative routes, extra time, busy schedules challenges are the new norm.
- **Thank you!** All who traveled to Flora in Winter at the Worcester Art Museum. And to Sandi Tinyk for arranging the bus and filling it with members and the public.

- **Thank you in advance!!! Our flower show Rhode Island in Bloom.** April 4-7, 2024. All members are needed to support and work on this show: Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer! There is more than enough to do. Read the show schedule and contact the Flower Show Committee to do your part. You will love it. A must-see event!!!
- **To Our Guest Speakers:** RIFGC's Members sharing outstanding program events. Angle Tree GC, Barrington GC, Cindy Wood GC, Gentian GC, Hameho GC, Quononoquott GC, Rehoboth GC, Western Cranston GC.
- Clubs can purchase a paver for the path that will be installed at the N.G.C. Headquarters in St. Louis. All info was in my Email Blast.

- **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

Paul Nunes Treasure	Beginning Bal:01/31/2024	\$ 8,807.84
	Cash Receipts	3,615.64
	Disbursements	2,280.00
	Ending Bal: 01/31/2024	\$10,143.48

Kathleen Bessette, Corresponding Secretary All hostess slots have been filled. Thank you so much.

Pat Yearwood, Recording Secretary: Send in or bring hard copy notes of what you want to discuss at our board meetings.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS.

Annual Meeting Karen Cipriano & Deb McCartin: Luncheon on April 25th. Reservations need to be submitted by April 5th deadline with your check and meal choice. Location Venus de Milo, 75 Grand Army Republic Highway, Swansea, MA, Time: 11am to 3PM

Awards Co-Chair Cheryl Celeste & Kathleen Damiani: Awards have been judged! Results presented at 4/25 Awards Luncheon. Please send a representative from your club to the banquet to accept any awards your club may have won.

RIFGC Community Project Award of interest send a letter to Judy Gray with details of your project. No need for an application. Must be to Judy before the banquet on 4/25.

- **Environmental/Education Day** Vera Bowen announced the Date being Thursday May 2 at 9:30 AM
 - Location: William Hall Library, 1825 Broad St. Cranston.
 - Open invitation to all members. A great day of education.
 - We. have guest speakers, education exhibits and more.

- Drinks provided, Please bring a lunch.
- This is a great event with loads of information to take away with you.
- The more we are educated the more we can educate others.
- Specific details will be sent in Email Blast.

Report from Sarah Lee Will be sent in next week's email blast:

Corn Gluten Meal: A Natural Weed and Feed for Lawns and Gardens

Youth Programs Chair Linda Alves.

March is National Reading Month: 3 different books about gardening are available, a total of 18.. Contact Linda Alves lalvesmgyoga@gmail.com

Youth program at the Flower Show on 4/25. Parents or guardians must remain with the children participating. Club volunteers are needed to help on that day. Contact Linda Alves lalvesmgyoga.com

Other business:

Sandi Tinyk:: sandi.tinyk7@gmail.com Adventurous Trips

5/12-23/24 Trip to Chelsea Flower Show \$4390+airfair

6/4/24 Trip to NY Botanical Gardens for an exciting exhibit created around the theme of "Alice in Wonderland. May 4th deadline. Need 5 more people to sign up. It is a full day trip.

Please stay for the WYW Table Discussion following the meeting

The list of outstanding club meetings will be sent out in an email blast And it will be added to the Program Book that Sandi Tinyk has on line.

At this time if there is no other business,

I motion to adjourn the meeting. Do I have a Second.? Second by _Kathy Bissette_

Meeting adjourned at: 10:55 a.m.

Submitted 4/8/2024.

Pat Yearwood

Recording Secretary.