

DISTRICT X OFFICERS MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2011 – 9:30 AM
DIRECTOR BARBARA HADSELL'S HOME

Prior to the meeting Director Hadsell had each of the board members introduce themselves and talk about their personal involvement in their garden club(s) and leadership role experiences over the years in various offices.

Board Members Present:

Barbara Hadsell, District X Director
Emilie Palmieri, Assistant District X Director
Li Roberts, Treasurer
June Beers, Recording Secretary
Barbara Cook, Corresponding Secretary
Patty Prange, Parliamentarian
Jane Mills, Chaplain

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM. Director Hadsell emphasized her number one goal of communications. Using links on the web site enhances member's ability to view meeting minutes, clubs, educational activities and offerings, district meeting information and the like. This was followed by a discussion on hard-copy availability of the Blooming Tales Newsletter for members unable to utilize the web site. Subscription cost is set at \$5 and currently this money is sent to the Editor, Cyndie Sable. Mary Scheitler is responsible for e-mail circulation. *A need to clarify who has responsibility for hard-copy subscription printing was identified.* Current news deadline is August 15.

Director Hadsell surveyed the board regarding attendance at GALA IN THE GARDEN on September 16, 2011 in Winter Park. Li Roberts and Barbara Hadsell will be attending. Patty Prange moved that District X purchase a full-page ad in the Commemorative Program for \$150. Jane Mills seconded and it passed with agreement funds would come from Tropical Short Course. The ad would promote this educational opportunity.

Fall District X Meeting brought up the following:

- Botanical Garden Donations and the call for a recommendation from the committee gathering information on specific gardens (*currently McKee, Port St. Lucie, Heathcote and Mounts*). Li Roberts moved that the committee recommendation be made at the spring 2012 District X Meeting. Patty Prange seconded and it passed. There currently is no budget allocation to cover donations of this nature.
- A procedure was established regarding the communication of District X Meeting minutes.

- Once minutes are prepared by the Recording Secretary, they are to be forwarded to the Director and Board Members for review/input (*preferably within a week of the meeting*).
- Immediately following Board review/input, minutes are sent to the approval committee with a deadline (*preferably 2 weeks*) for review/input/approval.
- Upon approval, the Director will post minutes to the web site.
- District X will no longer have a ways and means sales table at district meetings. State will have a ways and means table at fall section.

Li Roberts, Program Chairman, updated board members on the November 29-30 Environmental Studies School (Course IV – The Living Earth – Water and Related Issues). She provided information on presenters and class schedules for Ecology, Aquatic Plants, Wetlands, Environmental Sciences, Aquatic Animals as well as tours and field trip possibilities. She will have more planning information by mid-August and address any requirement for back-up plans due to South Water Management employment issues. Registration cost is \$65 with a deadline of November 11, 2011.

Action Required: Chairmen are needed for Course II (Spring 2012) and Course III (Fall 2012). Suggestions were made on various locations and facilities that could be used for both courses.

Action Required: Environmental Resources Management contacts need to be made by Director Hadsell.

It was announced that the ART IN BLOOM-BOCA MUSEUM fundraiser has been tabled due to management shifts and budget issues.

Director Hadsell provided a status on the FFGC District X Tropical Delight 56th Annual Short Course to be held January 31 – February 1. She stated an ad and registration form appeared in the Florida Gardener and the FFGC web site. This course qualifies for Tri-Refresher and will take place at Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach. Barbara reviewed the event brochure, program, cost, committees, speakers and preferred hotels. It was suggested that we secure more publicity and agreed that cost of the course was not an issue. The zero budget concept for this event was clarified.

The upcoming LUNCH ‘N LEARN program was addressed:

- Session #1 – September 28 – Garden Club of Indian River County
- Session #2 – September 30 – West Palm Beach Garden Club
- Sessions should include attendance by club members in addition to club officers
- A new CD from National Garden Clubs, Inc. (*GROWING OUR WORLD/GREENING OUR COMMUNITIES*) will be shown at both Lunch ‘n Learn Sessions
- A tri-fold brochure concerning membership is available to clubs. On the brochure is a place for clubs to put their contact information.

- The board members discussed Lunch ‘n Learn presentation topics and assignments were made. Presentations will be approximately one hour in length which includes Q&A:
 - Awards – Melba Campbell
 - Partnerships - Extend Your Reach – Barbara Hadsell
 - Blue Star Memorial Highway & Memorial Markers – Vickie Austin
 - Fundraising – June Beers and Emilie Palmieri
 - FFGC Interaction and Communication – Patty Prange and Jane Mills
 - Membership – Emilie Palmieri
 - Member Education – Li Roberts
 - Resources for Garden Club Programs – Barbara Cook and Donna Swift

Meeting adjourned at Noon

Respectfully submitted,
June Beers – Recording Secretary