

President, Pat Caren called the Winter of Tri-Council meeting to order at 1:16 pm

**President:**

Good morning and welcome, Tri-Council Members. My name is Pat Caren and I would like to introduce our Executive Board Members: Brenda Luedeman, Vice President & Zoom sponsor for Tri-Council; (Carolyn Schaag, Treasurer not present); Inger Jones, Secretary & Parliamentarian; Carolyn Lowry-Nation, Gardening Representative; Janice Miller, Environmental Representative; and (Barbara Magnuson, Landscape Design Representative not present).

On behalf of Tri-Council, I am pleased to extend a special welcome to our current FFGC President, Marge Hendon and our FFGC President-Elect, Tina Tuttle.

Further, let me introduce former Tri-Council presidents who are present: Inger Jones, and Carolyn Lowry-Nation.

In addition we have the State School Chairmen with us today: Lydia Barbour, Environmental & Credentials; Mercy Abrams, Gardening; Susie MacPherson, Landscape Design and Linda Johnson, Credentials Chairman for Gardening and Landscape Design Schools.

**Invocation & Pledge** – In the absence of Carolyn Schaag, Diane Schmidt our newest member will give the Invocation and Pledge.

**Quorum:** The President declares a quorum present.

**TIMEKEEPER** – If there are no objections, Connie Gladding has accepted the appointment as Timekeeper. Please limit reports and comments to 3 minutes. Connie, how will let us know when time is up?

**Minutes** – Secretary, Inger Jones

The Secretary will report. Minutes have been approved by executive committee and will be uploaded to the website under Members. Thank you Inger

**Financial Report** – In the absence of the Treasurer, Inger Jones read the financial report. June 1, 2021 – December 31, 222. Balance Tri-Council \$14,395.77 and Balance Camperships \$5,097.33. Breakdown was read for income and expenses. There were no corrections or addition and report will be filed for internal review by Finance committee. It will be uploaded to the website under Members.

**Reports:**

**President, Pat Caren**

**Finance Committee** – Inger Jones, Chairman of the Finance Committee will give her report. (attached)  
Thank you, Inger

**Nominating Committee**

Donna Thomas, Chairman of the Tri-Council Nominating committee, gave her report. The slate for 2023- 2025 is: President Brenda Luedeman, VP Pat Caren, Secretary Inger Jones, Treasurer Carolyn Schaag. We need a nominee for Gardening Representative. At the Annual Meeting in April, we will take nominations from the floor and hold the election.

Janice Miller, Environmental Representative read report. (Attached)  
Reports by State Scholl Chairman Lydia Barbour, Mercy Abrams, Susan MacPherson and Linda Johnson will be uploaded to the website Members.(Attached)

Pat Caren gave an update on upcoming schools in Florida in the coming months.

1/31/& 2/1    Landscape Design 3, Jacksonville Beach (in-person)  
2/9 & 10     Gardening Studies 2, West Palm Beach (in-person)  
2/23/ & 24   Environmental 2, Ft. Myers (Zoom)  
4/11 & 12    Environmental 1, Tampa (hybrid)  
11/16 & 17   Environmental 3, Ft. Myers (Zoom)

**Unfinished Business:**

**Trashion Show**

The Trashion Show will be held at the FFGC Convention in April, at the Early Arrivals Dinner. I emailed everyone the guidelines, so you know what is required. Anyone wanting to participate should contact Carolyn Schaag. Tina Tuttle will be the MC. Convention committee will let us know where models will keep their outfits and get dressed.

President Tina Tuttle requested to speak.

Tina Tuttle wanted the Tri-Council to take on this project for upgrading the front vegetation out by the entrance to headquarters. Tri-Council to come up with a plan to upgrade the plantings at the front door of the property. After the tree fell on the President's office, all the shade was gone for the plants in that area. Now they are in full sun. In addition, there are plants that need to be removed and replaced with new specimens. It is not attractive any longer. Sally Flanagan as a Landscape Design Consultant said she would take a look. Inger Jones and Michelle Maguire also will go outside to survey the area. It was noted that someone has to be there when the landscapers are present to insure that what is needed is done properly. Their supervision. Sally Flanagan will provide more information.

**Parking Spaces**

Each School will decorate a 10'x20' area as per diagram provided by Convention Committee. (See tape layout on floor showing dimensions). Notice the 20' side will be against the wall. I forwarded the diagram for the Magnolia Room to you as well as notes from the planning meeting. I'm confident you have brought your ideas with you today.

The three representatives are chairmen along with state school chairmen for their

respective parking spaces, but they are not responsible for all the work. Each of us will chip in and do what we can to make a display that will WOW convention attendees.

Now let's break into small groups by school to discuss possibilities and make plans for our spaces. Some of us are consultants in more than one school, so we will be flexible.

Those of you who are participating by Zoom, let me know what ideas you have. We will reconvene in one hour, with reports from each area.

**Breakout session:** Brenda will take her laptop around to the consultant groups so Zoom attendees can participate in discussions.

### **Reconvene and Report**

Spokesmen for each school will report to the whole group.

Thank you....

Is there any more we need to address at this meeting? We will schedule Zoom meetings for each parking space.

### **New Business – Right to Clean Water petition – Dianne Battle**

Dianne Battle brought this to my attention. This seems to be something that Tri-Council should support. I would like Dianne to spend a few minutes telling us about it. Thank you, Dianne. Tina Tuttle President Elect had an issue with the wording of this petition and didn't think it was appropriate for FFGC or TC to sponsor but individual members could spread the word.

Marge Hendon suggested that Lydia Barbour bring "Controlling Invasive Species" Proposal to the attention of Tri-Council to update our present Position Paper. Lydia read her proposal.

Is there any other new business? If not, we'll move on to announcements.

### **Announcements:**

The Tri-Council membership application is on the FFGC website in an editable form. In addition to handing out paper copies of the application to students, please make them aware of this online form.

**Adjournment** - Is there any other business to be brought before the membership? Hearing none, this meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM