

Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Valley Garden Center
1809 N. 15th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85017

90th Annual Meeting

April 24, 2024

Call to Order	Judy Kennedy called the 90 th Annual Meeting to order at 11:10 am.
Pledge of Allegiance and Inspiration	Diane Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance and read an Inspiration.
Welcome/Introductions	Judy Kennedy thanked all for attending and introduced former AFGC Presidents: Elaine Gunderson (also past Pacific Region Director), Carol Parrott, Judy Shelton and Sharon Davis; NGC Board Member: Sharon Davis (Flower Show Committee); Pacific Region Board Members: Elaine Gunderson (Advisory Com), Kim Rosenlof and Jennifer Moreland (Co-Chairs Pacific Region Convention 2025), Carol Parrott (Gardens – Xeriscape), Lucy Samuels (Book of Recognition), Jennifer Moreland (Invasive Species)
Initial Credentials and Registration Report	Peggy Ahola gave the Initial Credentials Report
Adoption of AFGC 90th Annual Meeting Rules	Judy Shelton presented the Annual Meeting Rules. Motion by Orvalita Hopkins, seconded by Carol Parrott to adopt. Passed.
Quorum	Judy Kennedy declared a quorum was present.
Minute Monitors	Sharon Davis, Jeanne Isbell and Karen Lyman were appointed.
Approval of Minutes	Motion by Carol Parrott, seconded by Lydia Reibel, the October 25, 2023 Board of Directors minutes approved as corrected.
Presentation of the AFGC Scholarship Award Recipient - Sophia Page	
Report of Officers: President	Judy Kennedy gave a summary of what has happened the past few months in AFGC and NGC. She reported that a new Membership Study Committee has been formed to look at connecting with online gardening groups. See attached.

Treasurer	Peggy Ahola reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements as of March 31, 2024 and the status of current CDs. See attached.
Assistant Treasurer	Renee Waite reported that we have 617 paid members that includes 452 garden club members and 165 plant society members.
District Directors	Judy Kennedy (Central), Jennifer Moreland (Southern), Lydia Reibel (Western), Peggy Ahola (Northern) and Kathie Henderson (Eastern) gave the District Reports. The reports are on the website under Member Resources.
Committee Reports Awards	Lucy Samuels presented the annual AFGC awards. Presidential Citations were given to: Rosemary Wade, Jennifer Moreland, Kim Rosenlof, Sherry Baer, Karen Bowen, and Peggy Ahola for their outstanding work on the Technical Task Force. The AFGC Laurel Award was presented to Jamie Dick for her perseverance in finding a Scholarship Award recipient. The Doris Helvig Creative Design Award was presented to Mickie Rustad for her outstanding design achievements.
Blue & Gold Star Memorial Markers	Carol Parrott reported that Cerbat Garden Club in Kingman will dedicate a Blue Star Marker in June. Yuma Orchid and African Violet Society has ordered the first Gold Star marker for Arizona. She explained the significance of Blue Star and Gold Star and encouraged members to sponsor a Memorial Marker honoring those who defend our country.
Penny Pines	Jennifer Moreland reported three clubs have funded 2 plantations.
Finance Committee	In the absence of Finance Chair, Rosemary Wade, Judy Kennedy presented the proposed AFGC budget for 2024-2025. Moved by Sharon Davis, seconded by Diane Davis, the budget was approved. See Attached. A Fund raiser will be posted to AFGC website for online purchases of Brent and Becky's Bulbs. Other fund raisers are under consideration.
Website 2.0 Content Managers	Judy Kennedy reviewed the jobs of the various website Content Managers as defined by their area for those not in attendance. Cauleen Autery, Membership Chair, reported on the progress of Desert Diggers a new garden club being formed from an online gardening group.

Conventions 2025 - AZ & Pacific Region (PR25) Kim Rosenlof and Jennifer Moreland gave updates and encouraged all members to become involved in the conventions scheduled for April 27 – 30, 2025. The theme is *Wild and Waterwise* and will be held at Wyndham Phoenix Airport Hotel, Tempe.

Announcements Judy Shelton announced that Desert Designers purchased a paver for the NGC Path to Success in honor of Mary Cochran who founded the club in 1983. Another paver in the Arizona area has been donated by David Robson, NGC Horticulture instructor whose mother was a former Arizona State President.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 am and resumed at 1:00 pm.

New Business:

Nominating Committee Judy Shelton made a motion nominating Jennifer Moreland to serve as AFGC President-Elect for the 2024-25 year. Passed.

Judy Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Lydia Reibel, to nominate Sharon Davis to serve as the AZ representative on the NGC Nominating Committee for 2025-27. Passed.

Memorial Service Meeting was temporarily moved to the Rose Garden for a Memorial Service honoring those members we lost this past year.

Final Credentials and Registration Report Peggy Ahola gave the Final Credentials report. See attached.

Courtesy Resolution Carol Parrott read the Courtesy Resolution. See attached.

Adjournment A motion was made by Carol Parrott, seconded by Orvalita Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 PM. Passed.

Attachments
President's Report
Treasurer's Report
AFGC Budget 2024-2025
Credentials Report
Courtesy Resolution