

GFWC PGWC, General Meeting Minutes. May 8, 2026, Family Services Center, Port Charlotte

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Officers Roll Call

President: Leslie Ryan

1st Vice President: Deb Gard

2nd Vice President: Catherine Worden

Recording Secretary: Jody Henkel

Corresponding Secretary: Claudia Meyers

Treasurer: Cheryl Schwartz

Past President: Beverly Hendrickson

Parliamentarian: Vicki Stavola

Community Service Project Chairs

GFWC Signature Program, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention: Mary Darling

Arts and Culture: Mary Ann Pacelli

Civic Engagement and Outreach: Shawn Hernandez (Excused)

Education and Libraries: Nancy Suarez

Environment: Beth Bouquot (Excused)

Health and Wellness: Kathy Abiri

Recording Secretary: General Meeting of 4/10/2026 minutes approved.

President's Report, Leslie Ryan:

Spring Conference was held in Orlando. Bev Hendrickson, Jody Henkel, and Leslie Ryan were in attendance. Bev was installed as the District 12 Director. Completion of the President's Project Flight of Honor was accomplished.

1st Vice President Deb Gard: Bylaws Committee

No Report

2nd Vice President Catherine Worden:

Pinning Ceremony was held. Members receiving pins were:

5 year- Rosemary Martinez, Martha Huntznicker, and Leslie Ryan

20 year – Kathleen Hobbs and Mary Darling

Corresponding/ Secretary, Claudia Meyers – No Report

Treasurer's Report, Cheryl Schwartz –

- Financial Reports Dated April 2026
- Deposits Operating Account \$30,131.40
\$48214.96

April Revenue 2826.00 was from Jewelry Sales, Wine Fundraiser and Dues.

Community Service Reports

GFWC Signature Program, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, Mary Darling:

No Report

Arts and Culture, Mary Ann Pacelli:

Start thinking about your Art Submissions for next January. Anyone interested in the CSP role for Arts and Culture, please contact me.

Civic Engagement and Outreach, Shawn Hernandez:

No Report

Education and Libraries, Nancy Suarez:

Book Club meets at Fresca on Taylor St. at 10:00am the 2nd Monday of each month.

This month's book is Book of Joy. It is a conversation between Desmond Tutu and Dahi Lama. Please donate books for children to pass out at the Christmas Parade.

Environment, Beth Bouquot:

No report

Health and Wellness, Kathy Abiri:

No Report

Special and Standing Committees

Veteran's Village Committee, Holly Gunsher:

No Report

Fundraisers, Rosemary Martinez:

May Social – May 18th The Sarasota Art Museum

Scholarships, Laurie Mischell:

Scholarships of \$2500 each were presented to the following deserving high school seniors.

Collegiate School - Sienna Flat

Charlotte Technical High School - Haley Noreen, Ariese Suerra, and Simone Kressi

Charlotte High School – Arista Turner and Celina Dang

New Business:

Installation of New Officers for the 2026-2028 term:

President – Jody Henkel

1st Vice President - Cathy Evans

2nd Vice President – Mary Brennan

Treasurer - Cheryl Schwartz

Corresponding Secretary – Ellen Mughal

Recording Secretary – Mary Ann Pacelli

Bylaws Committee – Martha Huntzicker and Mary Sebahar

GFWC International Day of Service will be September 26, 2026. We will fill Bags of Hope for Victims of Violence.

Meeting Adjourned 12:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jody Henkel