

Venice Area Garden Club
Members Meeting
January 9, 2014

President *Sandra Walters* called the January, 2014 Meeting to order at 10:04am. A quorum was met.

Bette Ann Parry led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA.

Guests and visitors were introduced and welcomed.

Appointments: (*Sandra Walters*) *Carol Malott* and *Tina Bird* were appointed to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting.

Recording Secretary: (*Joan Piper*)

The minutes of our last membership meeting, on December 5, 2013, have been approved and filed. They are posted on the VAGC website.

President's Report: (*Sandra Walters*)

She is planning on attending the FFGC Board Meeting next month. Design Units 7, 8, and 9 have begun.

Corresponding Secretary: (*Rose Fullerton*)

A thank you card was received from the Triangle Inn, Venice Archives. Cards sent: a "Thinking of You" card to *John Susek* and a sympathy card to *Tina Bird* (death of her brother).

Adventure Tour: (*Sally De Grave*)

Thirteen members have signed up. She is still accepting deposits.

Environment: (*Tracy Ivy*)

She is still collecting bottle caps and batteries.

Floral Design: (*Sandra Walters*)

Design Unit 7 has been completed and Units 8 & 9 are scheduled for this month. *Sandra Walters* thanked *Carol Malott*, *Susan DiNapoli* and *Althea Bednarek* for displaying their designs at our meeting.

Horticulture: (*Maida Atkins*)

National Garden Week is June 1-7. Please take pictures of your gardening for a display in the library.

VAGC is the recipient of an orchid collection from *Dr. King*, who is deceased. *Mary Martin* spoke about *Dr. King*.

Holiday Decorations: (*Rose Rodriguez*)

The decorations have been taken down and placed in storage. The helpers were thanked.

Home Tour: (*Mary Lou Levy*)

Mary Lou Levy reported the home tour is "ready to roll." Her committee is still collecting items for the baskets.

Lynn Fromer reported 108 hostesses will be needed. Please recruit your friends to help with this. If each member participated we would still be 3 short of the number needed.

Library: (*Peggy Schmidt*)

Nine new books have been received, including the book *Gourds by Design*.

Membership: (*Dee Feeney*)

Two new members *Doris Moriarty* and *Kánna Black* were introduced and welcomed.

Scholarship: (*Jan Fessler*)

A total of \$10,500 in scholarships will be awarded in 2014. This includes \$8,000 from VAGC and a \$2,500 special memorial scholarship in honor of *Gladys Susek*. A note received from one of the recipients was read.

Trees: (*Jeff Parsons*)

Please send an email to *Jeff Parsons* if you have planted any trees this year.

A discussion followed concerning *Gladys Susek's* tree in Centennial Park. It has not thrived in that location. It was decided *Monty Andrews* (VABI) will get back with us concerning the details of replacing and possible relocation of the tree.

Unfinished Business:

Jeanne-Marie Story, Library Assistant at Jacaranda Library has sent the spaces allotted for our designs. *Rosario Fredrickson* has lined up the designers that will participate.

Linda Kenfield was thanked for the publicity in the Sun Newspaper concerning our Holiday Luncheon.

New Business:

Mary Lou Levy announced the estate of *Gladys Susek* has donated VAGC \$10,000. The VAGC Board will consider how this money will be distributed.

Program: (*Tina Bird*)

Vice President *Tina Bird* introduced *John King*, who presented a program on Container Gardening.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07pm.

Submitted by,

Joan L Piper
Recording Secretary

