

Venice Area Garden Club Members Meeting

February 6, 2014

President *Sandra Walters* called the meeting to order at 10.05am.

The President declared a quorum had been met.

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

Guests and visitors were introduced and welcomed.

Former presidents were recognized and introduced.

Appointments: (Sandra Walters)

-*Carol Malott* and *Tina Bird* were appointed to approve the minutes of the February 2014 meeting.

-*Susan DiNapoli*, *Tina Bird* and *Tracy Ivey* were appointed to the Budget Committee.

-*Althea Bednarek* was appointed to become the Flower Show Chairman due to the resignation of the *Linda Thivierge*.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairman

President's Report: (Sandra Walters)

She attended the FFGC Planning Committee Meeting. A sample of the table decoration for their April 15th luncheon was displayed.

Vice President: (Tina Bird)

Our club is a part of District VIII and we need to support the convention.

Hostesses are needed for the Flower Show. They will need to pay \$5 and \$3 for parking. The attire is black pants and a white collared shirt. More information about volunteering will be forthcoming. Information about the convention is online at FFGC.org. March 20th is the cutoff date.

It was suggested we donate a raffle basket promoting the city of Venice. *Linda Kenfield* volunteered to get donations and make the basket.

Susan Mather encouraged the VAGC members to enter their horticulture in the FFG Flower Show. She needs to know by April 4th and will transport them to the convention.

Recording Secretary: (Joan Piper)

The minutes from the previous meeting have been approved and placed on file. They are posted on the VAGC website.

Corresponding Secretary: (Rose Fullerton)

A thank you note from the Jacaranda Library has been received. They thanked us for the flower arrangements we provided for their anniversary celebration.

Treasurer's Report: (*Susan Di Napoli*)

The Treasurer's Report has been approved and placed on file. The Budget Committee will begin working in March.

Adventure Tour: (*Sally DeGrave*)

There is still room. The remaining payment is due at the March meeting.

Boutique:

Donations are needed for the Home Tour. Please bring them to the next meeting.

Civic Beautification: (*Carol Sbabo*)

Volunteers are needed for three gardens: The Atrium, Centennial Park and the Triangle Inn. Please sign up to help.

Garden Therapy/Horticulture: (*Maida Atkins*)

There are several planned projects for National Garden Week, June 1-7. Bring plants to the next meeting for the Home Tour. On February 15th, we will tour 2 nurseries and a garden.

Home Tour: (*Mary Lou Levy*)

Everything is ready. *Susan Mather* is in charge of ticket sales. Each member should sell four. Bring unsold books to the next meeting.

Hostesses should wear black pants and white shirts.

Hospitality: (*Karen O'Brien, Susie Cochran*)

Members were encouraged to sign up to be a hostess for next year. A sign-up sheet was provided.

Library: (*Peggy Schmidt*)

The library has three new books on the topics of: orchids, roses and gourds<

Membership: (*Dee Feeney*)

Lynn Fromer introduced and welcomed two new members, *Diane Gantz* and *Susan Freel*.

Publicity/VABI: (*Linda Kenfield*)

The VAGC Board has recommended our club fund *Bob Vedder's* plan for the "Downtown Flower Project" in the amount of \$1,175. This does not include maintenance. A vote was taken and the membership was in agreement.

Special Events: (*Lynn Fromer*)

The Spring Luncheon will be at the Boca Royal Club and the Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Plantation.

Unfinished Business:

Rosario Fredrickson, Tina Bird, Susie Cochran, Maxine Ginn, Carol Malott and *Althea Bednarek* were thanked for their floral designs at the Jacaranda Library.

Jeffrey Parsons has made the holders for the table decorations planned for the 2014 Convention. *Tina Bird* ordered the gloves and the flowers will be ordered through *Betty McCall*.

New Business:

National Gardening Week will be proclaimed by the city on May 27th. *Andy Healy* is working with a committee to plan an event that week.

Pat Danahy is requesting Convention hostesses. If you are interested, contact her at danahy@verizon.net or 941 741-8487.

Announcements:

Opportunity Drawing tickets are available for \$2 each. Please support the 2014 convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03.

Submitted by,

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Recording Secretary