

## **Venice Area Garden Club Member Meeting March 6, 2014**

President *Sandra Walters* called the meeting to order at 10:02am. 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.

### **Appointments: (*Sandra Walters*)**

*Carol Malott* and *Tina Bird* were appointed to approve the minutes.

### **Reports of Officers and Committee Chairman**

#### **President's Report: (*Sandra Walters*)**

She attended a meeting last week concerning the "America in Bloom" program. The judging will take place this June. It is important the 12 gardens we are responsible for are ready for this event.

She reminded the membership that if you sign up to help on a committee, it is crucial that you show up and do your part.

#### **Vice President: (*Tina Bird*)**

The program this month features *Mr. Eric Watters* from the Venice Theatre.

She is working on the yearbook updates and corrections. Please contact her for corrections or additions.

The membership was reminded to sign up to volunteer at the April state 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*)**

*Sandra Walters* reported the Audubon Society has sent our club a thank you note for the \$300 donation from VAGC.

#### **Environmental (*Tracy Ivey*)**

The Coral Reef Project was discussed. We have collected \$157 from previous meetings and also have a member donation of \$100. Each "planting" costs \$100 and our club would like to have our donation reach \$300.

*Tracy Ivey* made a motion to continue passing around the bucket at alternative member meetings to reach our goal of \$300. The motion was seconded and carried.

#### **Membership: (*Dee Feeney*)**

*Dottie Williams* and *Karen Purviance* were introduced and welcomed as new members.

**Awards: (Nancy Jacobson)**

*Sandra Walters* suggested we think about an award for a business that makes improvements in their exterior cleanliness.

**Civic Beautification: (Carol Sbabo)**

The garden in the Atrium needs work and she needs volunteers to help with the Bromeliad Garden.

**Floral Design: (Sandra Walters)**

Six members met on Tuesday to learn about Armatures.

**Flower Show: (Althea Bednarek)**

She reported all the committee chairman positions have been filled and she will need everyone to help with the Flower Show.

**Home Tour: (Mary Lou Levy)**

All is ready for the home tour this weekend. She thanked *Linda Kenfield* for the wonderful publicity we received this year.

**Hospitality: (Susie Cochran)**

*Karen O'Brien* is giving up her position after 2 years. *Susie Cochran* is the new chairman.

**Special Events: (Lynn Fromer)**

Tickets are on sale for the May Spring Luncheon. The cost is \$22.

**Unfinished Business:**

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to work on the gloves for the Convention table arrangements.

**New Business:**

Wekiva needs shopping bags. It was suggested we contact Sweet Bay Corporate and request their bags as they are changing names.

The Committee Chairs were requested to look at their budgets for this year. If you feel a change is necessary, let the Budget Chairman, *Susan DiNapoli*, know. The Budget meeting will be on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

The design study group will meet April 1<sup>st</sup>. The topic will be Op Art.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48am.

Submitted by,

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Recording Secretary