

Venice Area Garden Club

Member's Meeting

Spring Luncheon

May 1, 2014

President *Sandra Walters* called the meeting to order at 11:34am.

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.

Introductions:

The former presidents of VAGC were introduced. Our special guest, *John Susek*, was also introduced.

Appointments: (*Sandra Walters*)

Susan DiNapoli and *Susan Mather* were appointed to approve the minutes.

Reports of Officers:

President: (*Sandra Walters*)

VAGC has had an active year. Our club has been involved in District, State and National projects. A special thank you to *Susan Mather* for transporting and helping with the horticulture at the FFGC Flower Show. Our centerpieces for the FFGC Luncheon were well received. The work and planning for the January Flower Show is progressing. We are looking forward to next year.

.Recording Secretary: (*Joan Piper*)

The minutes from the previous meeting have been approved and placed on file. They are posted on the VAGC website and a hard copy is available at the sign in table.

Committee Reports:

Home Tour: (*Mary Lou Levy*)

The membership was thanked for helping make this year's Home Tour a success. *Dee Feeney* and *Linda Thivierge* have volunteered to be the Head Hostesses for next year.

Membership: (*Dee Feeney*)

Membership dues are due now.

Horticulture: (*Maida Atkins*)

At the May 27th City Council Meeting, a proclamation will be issued declaring June 1-7 as national Garden Week in Venice. There will be a display about Butterfly Gardening, in conjunction with the Extension Service, at the Venice Library. A raffle is included.

A Garden Walk will be conducted this Saturday, May 3rd, at 9am. We will be meeting at the Laurel Nokomis School.

Scholarships: (*Jan Fessler*)

The members of the Scholarship committee; *Carol Sbabo, Dee Holt, Betty Luby* and *Jean Smith* were thanked.

In the past 31 years VAGC has donated \$122,000 in scholarships. Today we are awarding a total of \$20,000 to 6 students from Venice High School.

The class of 2014 and their parents were introduced. The following scholarships were presented:

Betty Stewart and Jane Low Memorial Scholarships, \$3,000

Tag Sufferling

Zackery Skeen

Virginia Cook

Esther Mezhibovsky

Kelsey Mahoney

Gladys B. Susek Memorial Scholarship, \$5,000

Brandon Stevens

Announcements:

A District Meeting will be held at Boca Royal on May 8th from 9:20-1:30.

FFGC Short Courses at the University of Florida, June 16-18. Sign up is on line.

Contact Maida Atkins for specific information.

June 2nd is the judging for America in Bloom.

Hostesses are needed for the October and March upcoming luncheons.

Althea Bednarek has schedules for the January Flower Show.

Program: (*Tina Bird*)

FiFi's of Venice presented a fashion show, "It's New to Me".

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.

Submitted by,

Joan L. Piper

Recording Secretary