

Venice Area Garden Club

Member's Meeting

October 2, 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 of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA.

Appointments: (*Sandra Walters*)

-*Carol Malott* and *Susan Mather* were appointed to approve the minutes.

Reports of Officers

President's Report: (*Sandra Walters*)

-The membership was welcomed as VAGC begins a new season. Past presidents were introduced and visitors were welcomed.

Vice President: (*Tina Bird*)

The program this month is a Design Study Review by floral designer *Carol Lucia*.

Recording Secretary: (*Joan Piper*)

The minute's form the previous meeting (June) have been corrected (quorum met) approved and filed.

Reports of Committee Chairman

Civic Beautification: (*Carol Sbabo & Josette Aramini*)

-A list of the Venice parks, and what VAC does to support them, is finished and was edited by *Linda Kenfield*

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Environment: (*Tracy Ivey*)

-The membership was reminded to vote yes on Amendment I during the November election.

Floral Design: (*Sandra Walters*)

-The next Floral Design class is Oct 7th. The design is a "Still Life." Bring your own materials.

-*Barbara Jacobson* will teach the November Design Class. The design will be Duo or Luminary.

Flower Show: (*Althea Bednarek*)

-*Jan Fessler* has typed the Schedule and it has been sent to State. *Tracy Ivey* has designed the layout.

-*Bev Yaros* has made a quilt for the raffle. Tickets can be purchased today.

-More design entries are needed. Contact *Bev Yaros* or *Althea Bednarek* for information.

Garden Therapy/Horticulture: (*Maida Atkins*)

-The Landscape Design Class will be Nov 12-13, at the Pinellas County Extension, 12520 -----

-Ulmerton Road in Largo. The \$65 fee includes lunch and snacks. After Oct 15 enrollment is open to everyone.

-November 8th is the VAGC Garden Tour. Meet in the Bonfish Grill parking lot at 9am and bring a bag lunch.

-At the November meeting orchids will be for sale and a workshop on the care of orchids will be at 9am before the meeting.

-*Linda Kenfield* reminded the membership that horticulture entered in the Flower show must be owned 90 days prior.

Holiday Decorations: (*Rose Rodriguez*)

-The dates for decorating and take down are:

| | <u>Put Up</u> | <u>Take Down</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Island Gazebo | 11/20, 10am | 1/5, 10am |
| Island Library | 11/24, 10am | 1/2, 10am |
| Laurel Civic Center | 12/19, 9:30am | 12/29, 9:30am |

Home Tour: (*Mary Lou Levy*)

-Five homes and 1 garden, all on the Island, have been selected for the Home Tour. The Home Tour Selection Committee were introduced and thanked.

-A new cover has been selected for the ticket book. A publisher is being paid to do the setup. ----

-Advertising sold should cover the cost of printing. The membership should begin selling advertising. A letter of introduction is available.

-Donations are being taken for items to fill the 10-12 gift baskets that will be raffled off during the Home Tour.

Hospitality: (*Susie Cochran & KÁanna Black*)

-Hostesses and food donations are needed for the future luncheons. The membership was reminded that they can volunteer more than once.

Library: (*Peggy Schmidt*)

-The Library is now overflowing, thanks to donations. It was decided to sell the extra books to the membership.

Membership: (*Dee Feeney*)

-VAGC has two new members; *Douglas Winn* and *Dell Bradshaw*.

Scholarships: (*Jan Fessler*)

-Last year \$20,000 was awarded in scholarships. A thank you note was read from *Tag Sufferling*.

Special Events: (*Susan Mather*)

-The December Holiday Luncheon will be at the Plantation. The cost is \$20 which is due at this meeting or the November meeting.

VABI: (*Linda Kenfield*)

-A new VABI representative is needed. *Linda Kenfield* has a conflict with the new meeting time. VABI meets on the 3rd Monday at 3pm. Contact her if interested.

New Business:

-A motion was made by *Dick Warner* to purchase a lavalier microphone for the sound system. The motion was seconded and carried.

Announcements:

-The District Meeting sign-up sheet is available at the front table. The \$30 registration includes registration, continental breakfast and lunch. It will be at the Polo Grill in Lakewood Ranch. Registration is 8:30 and call to order is 9:30.

-Opportunity tickets for the 2015 FFGC Convention are available for \$2 each.

-Central Florida Fern and Foliage Open House is Oct 11th. Contact *Sandra Walters* or *Carol Malott* for details.

-Garden Club of St Pete's annual plant sale is October 10th, 9am-2pm

-Flower Show Judges Symposium in Altamonte Springs is October 26-28

-Make a Difference Day is October 25, 9-12 Volunteers to clean up and repair Venice parks. To learn more and register for a fun day of volunteering and free lunch, see www.venicecares.com

-*Linda Kenfield* invited the membership to celebrate her wedding to *Monty Andrews* on November 22nd, at the Monty Andrews Arboretum in Blalock Park at 4pm.

-The website for the Bald Eagles is southwestfloridaeagle-cam.com

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57am.

Submitted by,

Joan Piper
Recording Secretary