

Venice Area Garden Club

Member's Meeting November 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. *Nancy Muldoon* as VAGC's representative to the VABI Board.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairman

President's Report: (*Sandra Walters*)

Guests were introduced: FGC President *Sue Angle*, former NGC President *Eleanor Yates*, District VIII Flower Show Judges Director *Barbara Rao*, Floralia 16 President *Emily Yaffee*, and Virginia Student Judge *Idanna Bowman*.

Recording Secretary: (*Joan Piper*)

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

Treasurer: (*Susan DiNapoli*)

Tracy Ivey presented the Treasurer's Report.

Membership: (*Dee Feeney*)

Merry Lucas and *Kathryn Ladu* were introduced and welcomed as new members.

Adventure Tour: (*Sally Graves*)

She is planning one or more day trips possibly the first or second Tuesday in April.

Awards: (*Nancy Jacobson*)

Three awards have been applied for. There is also an award for landscaping. Let her know if you have or will be doing a landscaping project. Pictures of the before and after are needed.

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

VAGC is currently maintaining 13 gardens. A signup sheet was passed for garden helpers. *Carol Sbabo's* committee will work with the Venice High School Interact Club on Saturday, November 15th at 9am. They will meet at the Butterfly Garden on the Venetian Trail. A bench has been donated to the garden by the husband of a former Venetian Trail volunteer.

Floral Design: (*Sandra Walters*)

Members of the floral design group are asked to bring a design of their choice to the Holiday Luncheon.

Flower Show: (*Althea Bednarek*)

Bev Yaros reported that designs are needed to fill all classes.

Class I, (1); Class II & III (1); Class IV (2); Class V (3); Class VI (3); Class VII (2); Class VIII (1); Class X (2); Class XI (2); Class XII (3). Also 1 mask, 2 crowns, 2 necklaces. Contact *Bev Yaros*.

Holiday Decorations: (*Rose Rodriguez*)

The dates for decorating have been posted in previous minutes and are in the handbook. If you have signed up to help, please show up.

Holiday Luncheon: (*Alice DeSomma*)

The Holiday Luncheon is December 4th, 11am, at the Plantations Golf and Country Club. The program is "The Simple Elegance of Flowers," with presenter *Roberta Ross* from Naples. The event is open to the public.

Home Tour: (*Mary Lou Levy*)

Five homes and one garden have been selected. *Jean Smith* is in charge of Raffle Baskets and is accepting donations. *Mary Kopp* reports more ads are needed for the Ticket Book. Ads should be turned in before the holidays.

Horticulture: (*Maida Atkins*)

Pre-registration forms for Flower Show Horticulture have been passed out. We were reminded all plants must be in possession 90 days prior.

All forms must be filled out and brought to Plant ID Meeting, December 2nd, from 10am-noon, at the South Venice Community Center. Also, surplus books from the Library will be for sale. *Peggy Schmidt* requests help in culling out old books and moving the library to the new cart *Jeff Parsons* has built.

Trees: (*Jeff Parsons*)

A Cassia Tree has been planted to honor *Althea Bednarek*. The dedication will take place in January.

VABI: (*Nancy Muldoon*)

It has been decided Venice will join in the America in Bloom Competition. The Boat Bash is scheduled for December 6th to celebrate the Boat Parade. Tickets are available.

The Tree Lighting will be on December 13 at dusk in Blalock Park. VAGC will decorate trees on December 11th at 9:30am.

Announcements:

Lemon Bay Garden Tour and Plant Sale, November 21-22

Sarasota Small Standard Petit Flower Show, December 5-6, 10am-4pm

Program: (*Tina Bird*)

Kymrie Zaslow, Floral Designer, was introduced to present a program on Floral Designs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48am.

Submitted by,

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Recording Secretary