

Venice Area Garden Club

Member's Meeting

April 2, 2015

President *Sandra Walters* called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

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*)

Tracy Ivey and *Tina Bird* were appointed to approve the minutes.

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's Report: (*Susan DiNapoli*)

A financial report on the Home Tour was presented. The proposed Budget was passed to members. *Maxine Ginn* made a motion to include \$250 for Floral Design. It was seconded and carried.

Recommendations from the Board of Directors:

It has been recommended by the VAGC Board of Directors that \$1500 be presented to VABI for the explicit purpose to help fund the fountain at Russeletto Park. By vote of the membership the recommendation passed.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairman

President's Report: (*Sandra Walters*)

She will be attending the FFGC Convention in Boca Raton in April and the National Convention in May.

Vice President: (*Tina Bird*)

The program this month “Is All About Us.”

Corresponding Secretary: (*Rose Fullerton*)

Cards were sent to *Mary Lou Levy* and *Pat Markland*.

Horticulture: (*Maida Atkins*)

There will be a Garden Tour on May 2nd. It will include Michael’s Bromeliads and a private garden. We will meet at the Laurel Nokomis School at 8:45. Enter through the front parking exit and turn left.

Membership: (*Dee Feeney*)

Sue Makepeace was introduced and welcomed as a new member.

Scholarships: (*Jan Fessler*)

The scholarship Committee has awarded the following scholarships to 4 students.

Gladys Susek Scholarship: \$7,000 to *Brandon Stevens*

AGC Stewart/Lowe Scholarship: \$5,000 each to *Tag Sufferling*, *Virginia Cook* and *Kelsey Mahoney*.

Unfinished Business:

Linda Thivierge, chairman of the nominating committee announced the new slate of officers:

President: *Tina Bird*

First Vice President: *Angela Bellavia*

Treasurer: *Susan DiNapoli*

Assistant Treasurer: *Virginia Crowe*

Recording Secretary: *Susan Freel*

Corresponding Secretary: *Sally DeGrave*

Bev Yaros made a motion for the secretary to cast one vote for the membership. The motion was seconded and carried.

New Business:

The FFGC District Spring Meeting will be at the Sarasota Garden Club on April 30th.

8:30am Registration/Continental Breakfast 9:30am Business Meeting

The \$30 registration includes continental breakfast and lunch. *Sue Angle* will be honored.

Announcements:

Allamanda Garden Club will have a Flower Show on April 24th.

The 20th Annual Flower & Garden Expo will be in St. Augustine on April 18 & 19.

The Florida State Convention is April 17-18 at the Boca Raton Embassy Suites. The information is in the Florida Gardener.

May 24th is the Mothers 'Day Celebration at Epcot

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48am.

Submitted by,

Joan L. Piper

Recording Secretary