

**Venice Area Garden Club
Members Meeting
Venice Golf and River Club
Annual Spring Luncheon
May 7, 2015**

President *Sandra Walters* called the meeting to order at 11:30am.

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 *Susan DiNapoli* 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.

Recommendations from the Board of Directors:

It has been recommended by the VAGC Board of Directors that the VAGC monies be placed in 3 accounts, a Scholarship Account, a Working Checking Account and a Savings Account. By vote of the membership the recommendation passed.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairman

President's Report: (*Sandra Walters*)

Five VAGC members attended the FFGC Convention in Boca Raton in April. Maida Atkins was installed as the Gardening Studies President.

She thanked the membership for allowing her to be their president the past two years.

Home Tour: (*Mary Lou Levy*)

The membership was thanked for making the 26th Annual Home Tour the most successful in VAGC History. The 2016 Home Tour will be March 11 and 12.

The homeowners from the 2015 tour were introduced: Julie and Tom Whitaker, Mod Cartright and guest Loretta Johnson.

Scholarships: (*Jan Fessler*)

The 2015 Scholarships were awarded to the following students:

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

Betty Stewart/Jane Lowe Memorial Scholarships: \$5,000 each to *Tag Sufferling, Virginia Cook* and *Kelsey Mahoney*.

Installation of New Officers:

The new VAGC Officers for 2015-2017 were introduced and installed by Clare Milligan of Sarasota Garden Club:

President: *Tina Bird*

First Vice President: *Angela Bellavia*

Treasurer: *Susan DiNapoli*

Assistant Treasurer: Virginia Crowe

Recording Secretary: *Susan Freel*

Corresponding Secretary: *Sally DeGrave*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38pm.

Submitted by,

Joan L. Piper

Recording Secretary