

A Board of Directors meeting was held at Gertrude Thompson's home Friday, May 18, at 2:30. Present were Gertrude Thompson, Helen Brunton, Alida Tjader, Florence Booth, Francis Tracy, Lea Smith and Bonnie Shreffler. Other directors, past and present, were unable to come. Vera Kirtley

The main purpose of this meeting was to appoint directors for the year. This should be taken care of at election time, but for reasons too numerous to go into, was not done at that time.

We have a policy that all officers are automatically directors, and after some discussion, it was decided that all committee heads and the past president become automatically directors, since they carry the responsibility for the years work, and that two directors be appointed from the general membership. Which leaves us with the present slate - Gertrude Thompson, Helen Brunton, Nora Dickerson, Alida Tjader (present officers) Florence Booth (past President), Susan Lund (School Committee) Addye Turner (Beach Committee) Lea Smith (Flower Show Committee) Vivian Gross (Program Chairman). For the two from the general membership Anne Brown and Pat Futch were appointed. Mrs. Tracy was appointed an honorary director.

On the Tree for Tavernier, there was considerable discussion as to where and how to locate a Brazilian Oak. Florence volunteered to take care of this, and to go with her husband Morace and dig one up.

On the beaches, Alida said that one step has been made on the Islamorada beach. Mr. Harry Harris has given us a road worker and guard for Thursday morning, and we have three coconut palms to plant in a group - one from Lea, one from Alida, and one from Clifton Russell. Lea and Alida will go down to the beach on Thursday and take care of this planting. It was suggested that members raise oleanders, hibiscus, etc. from cuttings and have these ready for an opportune time to do further planting. We dare not do too much at the moment because of the dry season.

Gertrude then brought before the board a fascinating new idea - a Poinciana planting between the old and new roads and otherwise along the highway, from Jewish Creek down as far as we can go. This to be a project not only for our garden club, but one shared by all other organizations along the upper keys. Alida said she had presented Harry Harris with a letter to show the road department officials in Tallahassee, but had as yet no answer. This project was enthusiastically received by all present as something for us all to enjoy, and as a scenic attraction for tourists at a slack time. We bring this idea before the general meeting for discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.