

On Motion Gross, second Kinzy, passed, that in 1956 the Garden Club concentrate on some beautification program in keeping with their interests.

Discussion of the type of project to be selected and on motion Cohen, second Jones, passed that Lotte Uhe advise the American Legion that we would like to help in maintenance of the Memorial Park in Islamorada. She is to report back at the January meeting. The annual exchange of plants followed.

Meeting adjourned at 4pm.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$103.87 with disbursements of \$20 during the month leaving a balance of \$83.87. Members dues totaled \$36. Total \$119.87.

Letter of thanks to Dr. Ledin read. The president gave an orchid corsage to Fern Butters for her birthday.

The following officers were elected to serve in 1956, unanimously. President, Alida Tjader; Vice President, Vivian Gross; Secretary, Mary Easton; Treasurer, Margaret Bond.

Roll Call of Members for flowers in Bloom as follows: African Tulips, Poinsettias, Christmas Candles, Gardenias, Hibiscus, Wood Roses, Chrysanthemums, Blakiana Bushes, Pentas, Verbena, Jasmine Rose, Thunbergia, Anemone, Ixora, Crotona, Zinnias, Roses, Oleanders, Apricot Tree, Bougainvillea, Pink Hibiscus, Christmas Cactus, Copsia.

The January Meeting will be at the home of Mary Jones, Plantation Key. February Meeting will be at the home of Carolyn Cohen.

Secretary recorded a rising vote of thanks for the December bulletin. Librarian announced the new book for the library, "Climbers and Ground Covers".

Mary Clarke and Susan Lund displayed beautiful Christmas decorations they had made, many from key materials. They explained their connection and answered questions. Shown were, a Christmas wreath of Florida Holly, Australian pine with candy canes for top wreath, centerpiece of coral and gold figures; basket of roses with native growths, rose and madonna, wreaths of various types and silvered materials. Mrs. Lund explained how to preserve poinsettias for use in the home, and also care of Hibiscus for such use.

The president gave Mrs. Tracy, program chairman, a corsage of Vanda orchids. To each of the 1955 officers she presented a stephanotis plant.

Mary Jones displayed two pomelos and explained how they had come from India and been grafted to the sour lemon with resulting sport known as the grapefruit. She also showed cangelos, a combination of grapefruit and cangelos.

An apricot tree, grown by Susan Lund was displayed.

A raffle for an African Violet was won by Lotte Uhe and the Madonnas. Raffle was won by Mary Clarke. \$10.10 plus a donation of \$1.00 made a total of \$11.10 for the Youth Council.