

June 17, 1958

This regular meeting was the June Splash Party at Florence Booth's, starting with swimming in the bay, then a covered dish luncheon, and finally the business meeting. The Splash Party and the Christmas Party at Florence's have developed into a tradition, most welcome to us. Groups, like families, seem to thrive on traditions, and, since Florence also appears to thrive on this generous offer of hers - to open her house twice a year to the Upper Keys Garden Club - we're hardly complaining.

There were 27 people present, including <sup>six</sup> ~~five~~ guests, Mrs. Fuchs, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Crandall, Mrs. Hokinson, Mrs. Wiklind, and Mrs. Dickerson. All but Mrs. Fuchs and Mrs. Harrison became members, and we are of course after them, too. We were happy to see Ardinelle Duncan appear again, and hope she will make this a habit.

Before the meeting opened, we drew names for our Secret Pal society. Members wrote their names, birthdays, and anniversary dates, the names were placed in a box and passed around.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Gertrude Thompson, and the minutes of the two previous meetings were read. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as read, and the May minutes corrected for omissions, then approved.

In Vera Kirtley's absence, the secretary read the Treasurer's report for April and May. April - \$288.95, Book Fund, and \$108.72, General Fund - Total \$397.67. May - \$296.10, Book Fund and \$116.72, General Fund - Total \$412.82.

Old Business - For the School Committee, Francis Tracy reported that 3 replacements were necessary. She suggested that a hedge of yellow hibiscus close the horseshoe of purple bougainvillia, instead of the half-line of pink hibiscus there now. This would cost about \$25.00. Suggested that plant raffle money be used for items to take care of school grounds. Motion was made and seconded that hibiscus be bought by school committee, and that bill for these and for school care expenses be presented to the Upper Keys Garden Club. Carried ~~unanimously~~ unanimously

As to the leaflet, Alida Tjader reported that she now had all the necessary material, and would attend to the printing on her next trip to Miami.

Sick List - Mary Easton's husband, Mrs. Holliday, Bonnie Shreffler. Vivian thanked us for Al's card.

Florence suggested a membership directory. A membership chairman was proposed. This business should be taken care

of at the next meeting.

Florence also suggested a tour of some of the places belonging to Orchid Circle people in Miami. This was considered a good idea, and perhaps further plans can be made at the next meeting.

Gertrude Thompson suggested that we have a class in Flower Arrangement, paying someone to come here rather than going as a group elsewhere. Ardinelle mentioned a Japanese girl in the Homestead Flower Shop, and a motion was made and seconded that we have someone come in and teach us, Ardinelle to enquire as to the Japanese girl, also, on Lotte Uhe's suggestion, to enquire about materials so that we will be sure to have enough. If the Japanese girl won't work out, we will have to try something else. This to come up at the July meeting.

Gertrude reminded us to get our cuttings ready for the November open meeting at the Coral Shores School, and emphasized that we should aim for the less usual things.

Lotte mentioned an excellent movie of the Keys, obtainable from the Miami Public Library, as good program material for that meeting. The group accepted this idea, and Vivian said that she would be glad to take care of this.

Florence gave a brief talk on Orchids, in question and answer form, and recommended a popular book, You Can Grow Orchids, by Mary Noble, as a very useful text for the beginner. She mentioned the various potting mediums now used, and also mentioned that dampness in the slat house was a great factor in successful orchid growing.

Ardinelle asked how to treat her overgrown begonia, and suggestions were given from the floor.

Meeting adjourned. We had had an extremely enjoyable half-day, and even with two months worth of business to get through, the meeting moved along in a most unburdensome fashion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deida Jader*