

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING held April 21 at the home of Mrs. Violet Carpenter. 1953

ROLL CALL: Present, 13 members and two guests.

MINUTES: Read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Stephens reported three new members, with \$37.46 in the treasury.

BILLS: None.

BUSINESS: Mrs. Scheffel suggested we form circles or new clubs as the Key Largo club grows beyond the limit of twenty.

Limiting membership was discussed. Mrs. Bridgham moved and it was seconded by Mrs. Gazzola, that we table indefinitely the subject of limiting the membership at all. So voted.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Mrs. Perkins was read.

OLD BUSINESS: The possibility of obtaining Day Lillies was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. Shope made a suggestion the Key Largo Garden Club prepare an Achievement list at the end of our first year of operation to show what the members have done.

ELECTIONS were discussed. Mrs. Cunningham was unanimously elected to serve as Secretary of the club, as Mrs. Shope is too pressed for time to serve more than one year.

It was suggested regular elections be held in December or January of each year, as more of our members will be here then. No definite decision was reached.

TALK SUBJECT FOR THE DAY: Mrs. Scheffel outlined the principal means and methods of propagating. Propagating begins in February. April, due to the rains, is still good.

CUTTINGS: These should be 4 to 6 inches long, and be placed with 3 nodes below ground and 3 nodes above. The medium should be sterile. Vermiculite is ideal, but peat moss or clean, sharp sand may be used successfully. Keep cuttings moist and in shade.

There is a question as to whether to leave leaves on. In this climate it seems better to remove leaves. Hormone powders may help. Water starting has disadvantages. The cuttings put out water feeding roots, which are not suitable for ground feeding.

AIR LAYERING: Mrs. Scheffel demonstrated the technique of air layering. She showed how to select a suitable limb, how to girdle it, wrap it in damp sphagnum moss and then in plastic wrap, and fasten. In a few weeks the roots will fill up the bundle of damp moss and the limb is ready to remove and plant.

NEXT MEETING: Will be at the home of Mrs. Lawrence. Mrs. Gazzolo will give a paper on bulbs.

Adjourned, after a social hour, a shower for Mrs. Janet Sabin.