

General Membership Meeting
Garden Club of the Upper Keys, Inc.
January 19, 2016
FINAL

Program Director Kathy Holmes introduced speaker Janice Duquesnel, Biologist for the Florida Park Service in the Florida Keys at 11:06 A.M. The meeting was held at the Francis Tracy Garden Center. The topic was rare Plants and their Preservation.

Business Meeting

Donna Nussenblatt called the meeting to order at 12:45 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag of USA was led by Donna Nussenblatt.

Hospitality committee: Julie Schneeberger announced names of members who decorated tables and thanked them. She asked members to sign up for decorating tables at future meetings or to prepare refreshments and clean up after meeting. A yellow book contains the sign up sheets.

Guests and new member Karen King were introduced.

President's Report: Donna Nussenblatt reported that Tibetan Monks had a presentation at the Garden Club on Tuesday January 12.

Nominating Committee will be selected in March. Two Board Members and three from general membership will call members and Nominate officers and Directors. Term of each board member is one year. There are no term limits.

Call Kathy Holmes if you can volunteer for the Garden Walk.

Treasurer's Report -Jean Simmons gave a printed report to Donna which will be filed for audit.

Flower arrangements were made at Plantation Key Convalescent Home. Jean thanked Linda from Winn-Dixie for flowers. Next session is February 10th at 2: 00 P.M. Please call Jean if you can help.

Minutes-Eileen Sylvester read minutes and posted a copy on the bulletin board and WEB site.

Membership- Kathy Janco thanked those who renewed membership or became new members. Eleven (11) members will be reminded to pay dues. Please see Kathy if you wish to purchase a nametag.

Program Director Kathy Holmes announced that field trip on Wednesday Jan.27 , a tour of History and Discovery Center at the Islander Resort , begins at 11:00 A.M. There will be no charge.

A members Garden Walk and picnic is scheduled for April 5. Bring lunch. More gardens are needed.

Speaker for February 16th meeting is Jason Richards of FKEC will speak about What to Plant under Power Lines.

Future Outdoor field trips ~~will be rain~~ or shine.

Class given by Susan Sprunt, Landscaping on the Rock is filled.

Vice President's Report- Garden Club and grounds will be rented for

Beverly weddings. Groups will be 250 or less.

*She announced a Festival of Houses and Gardens in March -April 2017 in South Carolina. Flagler's Follies and Key Largo Fisheries will present History of Commercial Fishing on Thursday Jan. 21.

Property- Terry Estep -Wed. Jan 20 at 9:00 AM. will have a grounds cleanup. Ralph has the PA system. Reflective vests will be needed for Garden Walk.

Crafty Tuesday- Jan.26 11:00 A.M.- Stepping Stones- bring design idea and things to embed. Cost is \$10. for cement and other supplies.

Garden Walk- Jerri was ill. Kathy Holmes is Volunteer leader. Team captains will call all volunteers. Wed. February 24 at 9:00A.M.will be a volunteer meeting and free preview walk for volunteers only.

Julie Schneeberger is tea Party Co-coordinator. Every member is asked to bake 4- 6 dozen small cookies or bars. Try to make a variety. Label cookies with nuts and without nuts.

Attendance-37 members and guests were present.

Raffle- 2 door prizes were awarded.

Meeting was adjourned by Donna Nussenblatt at 1:42 P.M.

Eileen Sylvester

Recording Secretary