

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING GARDEN CLUB OF THE UPPER KEYS, INC.

February 16, 2016

FINAL

V.P. Beverly Middleton called the meeting to order at 11:10. The meeting was held at the Francis Tracy Garden Center.

~~Members pledged Allegiance to the flag of the USA.~~

~~Guests and new members were introduced and welcomed.~~

Vice President Beverly Middleton introduced speakers, Jason Richards and Cheryl Hamilton, a Biologist from Florida Keys Electric Co-operative. They spoke about safety when trimming trees and the snails that are found in trees near electric lines. We were invited to the FKEC Annual meeting and picnic in April

Business meeting was called to order at 12:55 by President Donna Nussenblatt.

Donna thanked the speakers. Donna led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the USA.

Minutes were read by secretary. They were e-mailed to Board members and posted on bulletin board. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's report was read by Jean Simmons and filed for audit.

Property- Terry Estep- Newer PA system is still missing. 9:00 AM Thursday Feb. 18 is a Yard cleanup day. Benches have been repaired and refinished. Terry thanked Dave and Lisa.

Past President Edna Waldorf- Edna has tickets to sell for garden Walk for \$25.

Julie Schneeberger.—Bake 4-6 dozen small cookies mark them with or without nuts.

Donna Nussenblatt- welcomed new members and guests. Those who brought table decorations were thanked. Only one table decoration is needed per member and can be taken home. There are 6 tables. Helpers can sign up for set up and cleanup.

Crafty Tuesday- February 23- 11:00 AM -Bring tray, picture frame, pavers, or flower pot and pieces to embed in mosaic. Cost is \$10 for materials. Bring tile nippers and hammer.

Flower Arranging at Nursing home- Jean Simmons - Wed. March 16-2:00 PM M.C. EXTENSION
office -
bees
Program Director-Kathy Holmes was absent- **Kim Gabel** will speak on horticulture, plant problems and bee habitats. Lonell requested the schedule of evening meetings for next year.

Nominating Committee- Jean Simmons and Beverly Middleton and Jean Hirt will contact members and appoint 2 other members. Please be receptive to taking an office or director position on the board.

Fundraising Director-Jerri Grossman reported that this years Garden Walk is unique since it is on a Saturday and home owners are Garden Club Members Kathy Janco, Karen Kovaric and DeeDee Baretto. Evie has lined up 31 vendors, The Wild Bird Center has been redone with local donations and Ian and Frank will be able to answer questions at the site. Because of FDOT and parking regulations, Island Times Trolley will be used to transport 32 people at a time from Red Cross building to bird Center and back from 10AM until 2:30PM. Signs will be made. Please advertise the trolley to neighbors. Volunteers who work at event will meet at club on Wednesday February 24 at 9:00 AM.

At 9:45 AM, we will carpool and visit each home as a group.

This may be our last large scale garden Walk. Club needs to recruit a new chairperson. Traffic is heavy and people are reluctant to show gardens because of homeowner association's objection to increased traffic and lack of sufficient parking

Please take any home gardening books you like. They will be given away at Walk.

28 attended the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Eileen Sylvester- Recording Secretary