

January 21, 1958

The regular meeting of the Upper Keys Garden Club was held at the home of the President, Gertrude Thompson. Called to order about 2:00 p.m. by the President. There were 16 members and 4 guests present.

Minutes of the previous meeting read, corrected, and approved.

Treasurer Vera Kirtley reported a balance of 249.20 in the Book Fund and 172.67 in the General Fund, making a total of 421.87.

Among our guests was Mr. Carroll Kennedy, Chairman of the Flower Show Committee for the Chamber of Commerce. He talked over the Flower Show with us, and said that due to poor weather destroying or impairing the beauty of so many of the plants, it had been decided at a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to postpone the show. After considerable discussion over dates and the convenience of the Coral Shores School, the date of the Flower Show was set for March 28 and 29, the place again the Coral Shores School. Workers to start work the afternoon of Thursday, March 27, the Show to open at 2 p.m. Friday, 28, and all to be cleared out Sunday morning, March 30.

Larry Herndon, Tropicana Nurseries, to furnish background material, which would be for sale. All background material to be labelled, and all exhibits to have both common and botanical name.

Rules for entry to be much the same as last year, with the following changes*

1. More classes
2. Only one competitive entry in each class. Other entries permissible, but to be labelled as non-competitive. In that way, there would be enough plants to assure an attractive show.
3. Separate, non-competitive display of hibiscus.
4. Separate display of crotons. Last year they were in the Foliage Plant class.
5. Elevated levels on tables and floor, for better display of plants.
6. More space for native display.
7. Size of miniatures increased by one inch (from 3" overall to 4" ditto)
8. Background music.
9. Attempt to include in our sale of plants some that were requested last year, such as cactus, night flowering jasmine, hibiscus, passion flower, geiger tree, periwinkle begonia, bougainvillea, ferns, sea grape, tulip tree, oleander.

Miss Hester Rawley to get together with Carroll Kennedy and have Application Forms printed as soon as possible.

Mrs. Tracy reported on the School Planting. From the list in the minutes of the March 19 meeting, she reported the following missing:

2 Rain Trees, 1 Chinaberry, 1 Florida Holly, 1 Cibia (Kapok)

She reported the following, in good condition unless noted. These are from the March 19 planting and the summer planting.

1 Glaricidia (Cuban Love Tree), 6 Coconut Palms, 1 Lignum Vitae, 1 Mahogany, 2 Geiger Trees, 1 Variegated Rubber, 1 Plain Leaf (Likely East Indian), 1 Banana, 1 Poinciana, 1 Frangipani, 2 Portia, 1 Queensland Umbrella Tree, 1 Spethodia (African Tulip Tree), 4 Toy Poincianas, 1 Croton, 1 Pink Poinsettia (poor condition).

Rear of Cafeteria: 1 Sour Sop, 1 Governor's Plum, 1 Barbados Cherry, 1 Key Lime, 1 Monstera Deliciosa,

Along South Side of Road: 6 Royal Poincianas, about 18" high; 4 of the same, about 6" high, have been run over.

It was also remarked that the pepperomia planting had practically disappeared,

As to the Bougainvillia Hedge, Professor Albury agreed to a purple one. Mrs. Tracy said that about a hundred plants would be needed to make a proper hedge. After discussion, Thelma Miller moved, and it was seconded, that we buy enough plants for a good hedge, and that Mrs. Tracy take care of the purchase of plants, no money limit being placed on the purchase, Mrs. Tracy to use her own good judgment in the matter. Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Sturtevant and Mrs. Myers were appointed to the school planting committee, to take charge of hedge and replacements.

Hester Rawley was reported on the sick list, Secretary to send card.

Next business was the election of Directors. One replacement was needed, due to Mrs. Tracy becoming Vice-President. Helen Brunton was elected.

Gertrude Thompson brought up the lettering of tags. Sec. asked to contact Ferran Pinder and have it done.

Mrs. Tracy suggested we repeat our leaflet (Conservation) distribution at the real estate offices. She and Peg Ely volunteered to distribute. Sec. requested to see to reprinting of same, since we will soon be short.

List of Directors for 1958 -- Gertrude Thompson, Francis Tracy, Vera Kirtley, Alida Tjader, Pat Lett, B. Schreffler, Lotte Uhe, Florence Booth, May Wallace, Helen Brunton. Director's Meeting to be held Friday, February 14th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A social time was enjoyed afterward, with hot coffee, hot tea, and delicious sandwiches, most welcome on a miserable rainy day.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Tjader, Sec.