

December 16, 1958

Again Florence Boeth opened her house for our annual Christmas party, with its plant exchange, revelation of secret pals, drawing of new secret pals, covered dish luncheon and, finally, regular business meeting and election of new officers. 30 people attended, including new members Marie Gau, Peggy Elliot, Mamie Glynn, Bobby Pinder, Betty Cooper and Louise Wilson.

Gertrude Thompson gave a report on the November meeting, which was successful despite the breakdown of the soundtrack. 3 films, one on the Florida Keys, another on Hurricanes and the third about Seminoles, were shown, and they were enjoyed despite the lack of sound. The plant sale and raffle brought in a total of \$31.35, and the cookies were delicious. We had feared that this evening meeting would be a failure because of the sound track trouble, but the attendance was large and appreciative.

Alida read the minutes of the previous Directors' Meeting.

Vera Kirtley reported \$272.54 in the Book Fund and \$115.25 in the General Fund - a total of \$387.79.

Under Old Business - Mrs. Tracy said that Mr. Salisbury suggested a plaque 18" x 24", black with gold lettering, and covered over with a plastic film. Mr. Salisbury wished to have the exact wording before he went ahead. He suggested that the sign have an easel-like form, making it removable in case of storms. Vivian Gross moved, and the motion was seconded and passed, that the sign read "Landscaped by Upper Keys Garden Club - 1956".

Mrs. Tracy reported the plantings in good condition, that James had fertilized all, and that a Chorisia, 2 Canistel and a loquat have been purchased, but that nothing satisfactory had yet been found to disguise the ~~xxx~~ tank. Her bill for \$14.75 was presented and paid.

On the sick list was Mrs. Holladay, a frequent guest. Hester Rawley was reported wintering in Mexico.

Flower Show - Alida was asked to report recent developments



on this. She said that husband Dick Tjader had asked the Chamber of Commerce whether they wished to have the Flower Show again, and that their answer was affirmative. They wished to have the two garden clubs - ours and the Key Largo one - participate with them. He then asked whether they would approve of dividing the profits among the three organizations. They said "Yes, - if any!" The divided profits idea was discussed briefly, and it was moved, seconded and passed that we accept this.

Alida was appointed Chairman of the Flower Show Committee for our club, with Vivian Gross, Florence Booth, Peggy Ely and Lisa Hokinson on the Committee. This Committee to meet with itself and with Key Largo Garden Club Committee and Chamber of Commerce Flower Show Committee and set up the Show.

Booklet - Nicki Beare said that the booklet will be ready for the next meeting. Alida to give her typed list of names of members and officers, their addresses and telephone numbers.

New Business - Helen Brunton said that the Firemen's Auxiliary of Tavernier would like to have a tree, planted by Upper Keys Garden Club, on the spot used for their annual Christmas ~~tree~~ <sup>Tree</sup>. The type wanted was the one known as Brazilian Oak or Australian Oak - a pine-like evergreen not to be confused with our common Casuarina or "Australian Pine". Vivian moved, and it was seconded and passed, that we purchase and plant this tree, Mildred Gasser to approach Jack Davis for price and report to next meeting.

Helen also said that the Lady K's would like each organization to write a letter to the County Commissioner and to Clara Killingsworth, requesting a Bookmobile. Vivian moved and it was seconded and passed, that the Sec. write these letters.

Gertrude then brought up the subject of the scholarship, and said that she felt it was something we should give our



most careful consideration, and then discuss at the next meeting.

The subject of two secretaries was discussed. Alida explained that card-addressing was ~~xi~~ a long chore when added to the rest of the secretary's duties. Vivian suggested the telephone as a better means of contacting the members. The telephoning to be divided among the members, and a list made of members without telephones, these members to receive monthly card notices. Moved, seconded and passed that we adopt this new system, with Vera Kirtley, Vivian Gross, Bonnie Shreffler, Margaret Bond and Mamie Glynn to do the telephoning. Peggy Elliot volunteered to take care of the cards for those who do not have telephones. Vivian took a list of members present without phones. This list to be checked with Secretary's 1958 list, and given with additions to Peggy Elliot on time for next notices.

The ~~nominating~~ Nominating Committee was then asked to present its 1959 slate. Vivian said that the committee had decided on Gertrude Thompson for President, Helen Brunton for Vice President, Alida Tjader for Secretary and Nora Dickerson for ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor, so these nominations were accepted.

Next meeting - Gertrude Thompson's new house, Helen Brunton, <sup>Rae North</sup> and Susan Lund to take care of refreshments. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alida T.*

Alida Tjader, Sec.