

Oviedo Garden Club minutes

September 19, 2023

The first meeting of the Oviedo Garden Club for the year 2023-24 was held from 12-2pm at the Oviedo Library. The hostesses were Hope Scheller, Laurie Harrington, Margie Scarborough and Laurie Magyar. Drinks and pastries were provided.

Lynne Moore read the devotion: sowing garden seeds and sowing inspirational seeds.

Officers were introduced:

Current Officers and Committee Chairpersons

Officers: President - Hope Scheller

Vice President - Laurie Jean Harrington

Treasurer: Margie Scarborough

Secretary: Laurie Magyar

Committee Chairperson:

Membership: Jill LeRoux

Devotions: Lynne Moore

Horticulture: Martha Clouse

Sunshine: Julia Clausen

Historian: Barbara Reichley

Plant Sales: Ashley Vittitow

Donations: chairperson needed

Publicity: chairperson needed

The business meeting was called to order by Hope Scheller, President.

Roll call: Laurie Magyar: 26 members, 7 golden members.

Member Report: Jill LeRoux: Current members: 32 active, and 10 golden members.

Jill LeRoux introduced 3 new visitors: Janet Tomasetti, Valda Reams, and Valeria Smith.

Treasurer Report: Margie Scarborough: reported \$2507.17 bank balance. Budget income sources were reviewed. Annual dues of \$10 for 2023-24 are being collected and \$10 for T shirt orders. New bank charges of \$2 month were noted.

Horticulture: Martha Clouse discussed her recent Key West adventure, seeing 8 botanical gardens and specifically the Key West Garden Club located in an old fort.

Laurie Magyar gave a presentation on Vegetable Gardening in Central Florida.

Sunshine: Julia Clausen: Birthdays were acknowledged. Vivian Dunn passed away and was remembered.

Hostessing: Laurie Harrington summarized the host/ hostesses expectations and resources for speakers/topics. Sign up sheet for monthly hostessing was made available to members. Christmas and May meetings have possibility of catering.

Updates: Triangle day. Barbara Reichley is organizing work parties every third Friday to weed and tidy up for the plant sales. Sign up sheets were made available. Please note: next work party is October 13, 8:30-11am (this time it is the second Friday, not the third) for mulching.

Garden Club T-shirt order forms were made available.

New Business:

Budget: The 2023-24 budget was presented and discussed. Martha Clouse motioned to approve the budget. Mary Lou Burgess motioned second. Budget was voted approved by members.

Make and Take: new event for September 27th, crafting by Laurie Jean and Hope for non-toxic weed killer and pesticides, and a hand scrub. Sign up sheets were made available.

Club initiatives:

Monthly Newsletter: members can send in submissions or request a monthly column. Reply to Hope Scheller.

Monthly club events: In addition to monthly club meeting. Members can host a separate event for a day trip, craft or educational class, etc. Let Hope know to add date/info to newsletter.

Great Day in Oviedo table: November 11. Two members man a free table at the Great Day in the Country to collect names of those interested in membership, give gardening information, and possible plant giveaway. Volunteer needed to help coordinate this event.

Donations for club year: possible LESA Gardens and Methodist Church.

Benevolent Bouquets in October. Club members donate vases to this organization.

Plant Sale: November 11, get plants ready now, committee volunteers needed. Reply to Ashley Vittitow.

LESA Gardens Earth Day Expo in April, Volunteers needed.

Oviedo City Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, May

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17. Specifics to be announced.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Laurie Magyar