

NAPLES GARDEN CLUB
Membership Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2011
Mooring Presbyterian Church
1:00 - 3:00 PM - Moss Hall

Sondra Quinn, President, called the meeting to order. She welcomed members, provisionals and guests to the December Membership Meeting and Holiday Program. She introduced, Jean Lemmon, Crowd Control Manager. Jean indicated all exits.

Dusti Beabien, Club Chaplin, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In response to Sondra Quinn's request to determine the Club's financial reserve requirements, the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer reported to Sondra that the Club has adequate working capital in checking plus reserve funds in a CD and still has funds available to prepay pledge obligations. The Board approved moving forward with this proposal.

Sondra introduced Linda Lehtoma, Senior Director of Advancement of Florida Gulf Coast University. For decades The Naples Garden Club has funded student scholarships and in 2010 established a Fellowship Endowed Fund at FGCU to support students in environmental sciences, botany or horticulture who are doing research at the FGCU Naples Botanical Garden Kapnick Center. The Club made a 5 year pledge of \$100,000. To date the club has paid \$40,000 on this pledge. With assistance from Linda Brown, previous House and Garden Tour Chair, Sondra presented a check for \$35,000 to Linda Lehtoma which is a prepayment on our original commitment.

Brian Gallighan, Horticulture Director at the Naples Botanical Garden and representing Brian Holley, received a check for \$25,000 which pays off our \$100,000 pledge for the naming rights to "The Idea Garden".

Sondra presented Brian with an additional check for \$2,172 for "The Idea Garden", which represented gifts made in memory of Ralph Pica, Henry Earle, and Bill Kroeschell.

Announcements were made:

Twelve provisionals have been approved by the Board.

The Holiday Luncheon will take place December 14th at Port Royal Club.

Arlene Cluff presented plans for the upcoming House and Garden Tour.

Naples Flower Show is a partnership with the Naples Botanical Garden and the Naples Garden Club has just completed a written, signed Memorandum of Understanding with NBG which outlines how we will work together and the responsibilities of each party.

Kathleen Hawryluk, Flower Show Chair, and team members talked about the upcoming Show.

Linda Brown, Program/Education Chair, introduced the day's program "A Naples Winter Solstice". Members Raynelle Perkins, Mary Raymond, and Mary Pulick shared holiday floral design ideas using plant materials unique to our SW Florida climate.

The Hospitality Committee was thanked.

There were 109 active members in attendance, 10 provisionals, and 6 guests.

Sondra Quinn, President, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Westerfield
Recording Secretary