

**Naples Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting  
April 9, 2018  
Buehler Auditorium  
1:00 PM to 3:00PM**

**WELCOME**

President, *Sudie Minamy*, welcomed the members and guests. She called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

*Raynelle Perkins*, crowd control, reminded members that there were exits on both sides of the room.

*Dusti Beaubien*, chaplain, conveyed an inspiring message to the members emphasizing thanks for our Garden Club friends. She also led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Raynelle Perkins* conducted the Cyber Drawing for a beautiful plant, Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow, donated by Jackie and Mike Malloy. The lucky winner was Margaret Dunn.

President, *Minamy*, thanked members who registered for the meeting on line and explained that on-line registration helps in planning for seating, refreshments and has the member benefit of being eligible for the cyber drawing.

**BUSINESS MEETING/Committee Reports**

Approval of the minutes: *Gail Duke*, secretary, moved that the minutes of the March 5, 2018 General Meeting be approved as posted on the website. Motion: *Passed*

President *Minamy* introduced *Sandy Lasch*, Governance Chair, who presented the Grants. *Cindy Learned* and *Britt Patterson Weber* accepted the check for \$15,000 to the Naples Botanical Garden for their summer intern program. *Cindy* thanked the members of the Garden Club on behalf of the Botanical Garden. *Raynelle Perkins* accepted the check for the Global Gardening Program at Avalon School in the amount of \$6,500. *Raynelle* mentioned that the program teaches students how to prepare soil, plant vegetables, harvest and prepare healthy meals.

Financial Statement: *Janet Donald*, treasurer, spoke to the group explaining the sources of revenue for the club: dues from members, income from member programs and funds from the House & Garden Tour.

President *Minamy* presented a gift to *Ellen Meister* for the work she and her husband did to produce the new storage shed. A slide showed

the location of the shed that was recommended by the Meister's company and placed in the courtyard adjacent to the office. The Naples Garden Club has donated the shed, valued at \$10,000, to the Naples Botanical Garden to be leased back to the club for \$1 per year.

Flower Show Committee: *Sally Lutz*, Flower Show Chair, thanked her committee for their hard work and shared some interesting statistics about the Show: a total of 5,688 people attended the Show over a two day period and the fact that club members volunteered 429 hours to produce the show. Sally presented the Award for the Popular Vote to *Judy Bergauer* for her plant which won the horticulture award and *Mercy Abrahams'* design was most popular. President *Minamyer* presented chair, *Sally Lutz*, with a beautiful basket of orchids in appreciation of her leadership of the committee.

Membership: *Diane Frisicaro*, chairperson, introduced the 26 new active members of the club and the 34 new Provisionals. Photographs of the classes were taken at the conclusion of the meeting.

Dues Award: Assistant Treasurer, *Eliza Nevin*, awarded a refund of dues to *Carol Bibee* for the coming year.

Grants Committee: *Sandy Lasch*, chairperson, reviewed the names and amounts of the Grants awarded by the Club this year: Naples Botanical Garden-Replant & Regrow=\$30,000; Interns=\$15,000; Idea Garden=\$10,000; Shed=\$10,000; Hats In The Garden=\$450; FGCU=\$4,500 and Avalon School=\$8,000. Total grants awarded=\$77,950.

Vote on Bylaws Change: *Sandy Lasch*, Governance Chair, propose changing Article IV, Membership from

Membership shall be limited to 250 Active members, not including Life members of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs or National Garden Clubs.

To

**Active membership shall be limited to 250 members.**

Motion: *passed*

Club Service Award: *Sandy Lasch* presented the Service Award to *Abbie Sladick* for her extraordinary service to the Club this year.

Educational Workshops and Trips – *Susie Gascoigne*, chair, thanked the members of her team mentioning their efforts to provide interesting workshops about design, horticulture and the environment.

President *Minamyer* reminded members about the upcoming annual meeting and luncheon that will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at Treviso Bay Country Club. Please make your reservations on line.

President Elect *Catherine Ware* presented President *Minamyer* with some sweet chocolates to commemorate her excellent leadership of the Club. *Sudie* thanked members of the club for a wonderful year.

*Linda Brown*, historian, asked members to submit photographs to her for the history book.

President *Minamyer* **adjourned the meeting at 1:45pm.**

### **Program**

*Raynelle Perkins*, program chair, introduced the speaker for today – *Joel Toledo* of Green Door Nursery who spoke about container gardening using succulents.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Duke  
Secretary  
April 18, 2018  
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Attendance: 107 active members (includes new actives,) 29 provisionals, 3 guests, 1 speaker = total 140