

# PINE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

## Minutes

### January 19, 2012

The January 2012 Pine Island Garden Club meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Carlene Sharples who asked the members and guests to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Carlene thanked Bonnie Eskra and her committee members for the wonderful array of refreshments.

**Membership:** Kathy Reiter introduced the new members and guests and said we now have 130 members.

**Program:** Carlene introduced Marty Kendall, a Master Gardner and our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President who gave a very informative talk and slide presentation on 16 various herbs we can grow, their history and medicinal values.

**Break:** Carlene announced a 15 minute break. During the break she asked that those who haven't already to sign up on the sheets posted on the wall for Gala committee work. She also said raffle ticket stubs were being collected.

**Minutes and Treasurers Report:** Both were approved as posted on the website.

**Correspondence:** Dottie Kernaghan received a thank you note from PAWS thanking us for our donation. She received two thank you notes from Brenda Robinson thanking us for the meals Marge VanderKruik had taken her after the Christmas luncheon, which were provided by Carrabbas Restaurant, and one for the plant and visit by Lillian Reed. She also received a thank you letter from Pine Island Pantry for our monthly donations.

**Nomination Committee:** Doug Fix said nominations are open from the floor and then read the nominees for the following positions:

President – Marty Kendall  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Brian Maclean  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Melissa Kofert  
Gala Consultant – Tracy Helin  
Recording Secretary – Nancy Kennedy  
Assistant Recording Secretary – Anne August  
Corresponding Secretary – Dottie Kernaghan  
Treasurer – Joan Rosenberg  
Assistant Treasurer – Donna Cook  
Ways and Means – Susie Quattro  
Membership – Kathie Reiter  
Parliamentarian – Barbara Peckinpaugh  
Historian – Joyce VanDeusen  
Publicity – Marjorie VanderKruik

He asked if anyone is interested in filling the Assistant 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President or the Ways and Means positions to let him or his committee know. Carlene said elections will be held in March, installed in April and duties will begin in June. Newly elected members will be invited to the May Board of Directors meeting. Susie Quattro later said she would chair the Ways and Means committee.

**Field Trips:** Doug Fix said only one person has signed up for the March 8<sup>th</sup> field trip to the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota. He has put down a \$50 deposit and if members don't sign up he will cancel the trip and try to get the deposit back. If members are interested in going, they need to let him know.

**Special Presentation:** Marge VanderKruik introduced Meghan McCoy, the new editor of the Pine Island Eagle, who wrote a great article in the week of the January 18<sup>th</sup> Eagle regarding Dottie Kernaghan and Susie Quattro being honored by the PIGC. Marge asked Dottie and Susie to come forward where, after talking about their hard work in various positions in the Club, they were presented with Lifetime Honorary Plaques, gold pins are to follow, a cake and each a beautiful plant.

**Gala:** Tracy Helin reminded members that the committee work signup sheets were on the wall and said Brian needs help in setting up and taking down. Things are moving along nicely with the vendors. She asked that committee chairs take their lists off the wall after the meeting. Mickey Sterling said they need two large coolers for water. Carlene said she would get coffee pots again this year from the Red Cross. An e-mail has been sent to members regarding baked items reminding them to label but not to cut pies, cakes or breads; brownies and cookies need to be labeled and put in small plastic bags (1-6 depending on size) and anything needing refrigeration is not acceptable. Any items containing nuts need to be so labeled. Put your name on the bottom of the dish if you want it back. Members were thanked for their white elephant items but more are needed. Bring them to next month's meeting or call Karen Okeson and she will take them. Do not bring clothing, electronics or old TV's. Carlene said she could take any clothing to the Red Cross. The Boy Scouts will be helping with traffic. There is a signup sheet for wagons and they should be brought the morning of the Gala, names on the wagons. Brian has big trays to help carry plants. Bonnie Kellen needs one more volunteer to work with Joyce VanDeusen to distribute flyers from the Center to St. James City. She asked members to take flyers to businesses off the island. She has bookmarks to distribute. Sandy Constanzo is handling raffle tickets and new members need to contact her. Bonnie said there is a partial list of prizes on the tables and if there are any prizes members have that she is not aware of to let her know. Vendors were asked this year to donate a raffle prize. Bonnie asked if anyone would be interested in selling raffle tickets on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the German American flea market. A booth to sell raffle tickets will be set up at the Taste of Pine Island and there is a signup sheet for plants to decorate the area. Bases for patio umbrellas are needed, let Tracy know if you have any.

**Plant Table:** Dottie Kernaghan said we need 4 runners to bring plants to the plant table and return the wagons. A signup sheet is on the wall. All plants should be labeled and she put old venetian blinds on the tables to mark plants and demonstrated how to cut them. Hope Rooney suggested labeling with pencil. You don't have to price them but you may. Carlene said to ask Marty, the Rooneys or the internet for help in identifying plants and not to bring any invasive ones. A suggestion was made to members who have extra fruit on their trees to package and donate them to the plant table.

**Museum Grounds:** Nancy Temple said their next workday is Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> and to bring gloves. The Museum's big money making event will be held February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center in St. James City and they need potted bromeliads.

**Plant Therapy:** Lillian Reed delivered a plant and visited with Brenda Robinson; Judy Rumas and Donna Dooley visited Donna's father and presented him with a plant; and Shirley Glenn gave a plant and visited JoAnne Niven.

**Horticulture:** Harold Bruner had 500 slash pine seedlings he distributed to members to pot for the Calusa Land Trust. He went over guide lines for potting them, an e-mail will be sent out with instructions for caring for these plants. They will be collected when the rainy season begins. Carlene brought in pots for anyone needing them and Sandy Constanzo also said she had extra pots.

**Other topics:** Ron Brendel brought in seeds for members from the “Wing Bean Vine” which he talked about at the October, 2011 meeting.

Carlene said the Ringling Fine Arts Museum in Sarasota is having their “Ringling in Bloom” show February 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> and it is worth the trip to see it.

Next month there will be a 50/50 raffle instead of the plant raffle.

Carlene again congratulated Dottie and Susie for becoming Lifetime Honorary Members and the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM, followed by the plant raffle.

Respectively submitted,

Rita Davis  
Recording Secretary