

**SUN CITY WEST DESERT GARDEN CLUB**  
**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 9, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Jan Cartozian called the meeting to order in R.H. Johnson Social Hall East at 9:00 AM. There were 56 members and 1 guest present.

**DONATION PRESENTATIONS:** Carol Berka introduced Cindy Saverino, Vice-President of Planning & Program Development for DOVES; Brian Bell, Executive Director, Northwest Valley Connect; Tracy Skousen, Library Director, R.H. Johnson Library; and John Christian, President, SCW Broadcast Club. Each gave a short description of their organization and received a check for \$500.00. Jan asked any new donation suggestions be submitted to Carol Berka or Dave Wiegand.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Karen Anderson thanked Melissa Leach for her complete and competent service during Karen's weeks of tax season work. She reported total sales of \$45,487.00 for the months 10/1/22 to 5/6/23, an Average Monthly Sale of \$5,686.00, and a 32% donation rate. May sales were \$3,270.00. Checking Account balance is \$30,730.81. Karen read the list of donations given this year: St Marys Food Bank \$1000, SCW Meals on Wheels \$1000, SCW Broadcast Club \$500, NW Valley Connect \$500, D.O.V.E.S. \$500, SCW Sheriffs Posse \$5000, Valley View Food Bank \$1500, SCW Foundation Helping Hands \$1000, SCW Prides \$1000, and SCW Community Fund \$2000.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Jeanette Johnson read minutes of last Member Meeting April 11, 2023. They were approved.

**NEW CLUB MEMBERS:** The club welcomed one new club member who stood to be recognized.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jan Cartozian announced the Board is looking for a new Greenhouse Manager, or Co-Managers, who know plants and organization skills. If interested, email President Dave Wiegand.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Recommendations by Board for future donations.** A motion was made by Jim Vanderpoel and seconded by Judy Savage that we donate \$500.00 to Valley View Food Bank and \$3000.00 to SCW Posse. Motion passed.

**Urgent Announcement.** Diana Peppin announced an email is circulating falsely from Dave Wiegand asking for money cards to be donated. It is a scam.

**PROGRAM:** Our speaker was Jim Consolloy, DGC member on "Birding in Your Backyard." Jim is Chairman of the 'Plants for Birds' program at Sonoran Audubon Society in Glendale, and shared from his lifelong interest and study.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCED:** Ben McGonigle, Certified Arborist from Design Tree Maintenance, will speak on: Desert Soils & Amendments: Planting & Watering.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Sandy Warmuth led the drawings for dish gardens made in the greenhouse.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Johnson, Secretary