

**SUN CITY WEST DESERT GARDEN CLUB**  
**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Jan Cartozian called the meeting to order in Agave Room, Beardsley Rec Center at 9:00 AM. There were 54 members and 1 guest present.

**DONATION PRESENTATIONS:** Carol Berka introduced Commander Ed Stern from The Posses of SCW. He expressed appreciation from the Posse for the \$3000.00 donation.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jan read Karen Anderson's report. May thru August Plant Sales totaled \$3,846.00. Checking Account balance as of August 31, 2023 is \$26,913.93.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Jeanette Johnson read minutes of last Member Meeting May 9, 2023. They were approved.

**NEW CLUB MEMBERS:** None present.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Jan read the results of July's electronic vote of the membership. Question: "I approve of purchasing a replacement shade cloth to cover our large plant area at a cost not to exceed \$800.00." There were 82 votes, Yes - 100%, No - 0%. The vote completed July 21, 2023. The shade cloths come with a 5-year warranty.

Mike requested Harvesting from club members who know distinctions between dead plants and those that survived summer and can be replanted and sold at fall Plant Sales. Also volunteers will be needed for Water Wall Cleaning October 13, 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**First Plant Sale of Fall.** Jan announced that urgent help is needed right now to get plants priced and ready. Members were encouraged to sign up today at the back, or use SignUpGenius to volunteer. Sales crew volunteers are needed on October 7, 2023 as well.

**PROGRAM:** Our speaker was Ben McGonigle, Certified Arborist from Design Tree Maintenance, on: Desert Soils & Amendments: Planting & Watering.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Design Tree led the drawings for several door prizes they brought, including a Grand Door Prize of a very large Pistache Tree, won by Pat Telford.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Johnson, Co-Secretary