

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Dave Wiegand called the meeting to order in RH Johnson Social Hall East at 9:00 AM. There were 78 members present.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Karen Anderson's report, as of November 3, 2023, stated November Sales of \$7,089.00, with 58% by credit card. Checking Account balance is \$38,565.32. Total cash on hand \$38,765.32. True Value November bill of \$1,333.52.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Secretary read minutes of last Member Meeting October 10, 2023. They were approved.

**NEW CLUB MEMBERS:** Three new club members were welcomed. Marion Baty reported the final number of 316 members. Applications for membership were available at the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TRIBUTE TO BOB BUERROSSE:** Dave Wiegand spoke of the seven years that Bob has headed the publicity committee for the club with the distribution of hundreds of emails, press releases and photos. He was presented with a gift of a Swiss Cheese plant.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Jeanette Johnson acknowledged the success of the committee in nominating candidates for the open officer positions. Committee members were Jeanette Johnson, Sandy Warmuth, Jim Vanderpoel and Rehab Boswell.

**ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS:** Dave Wiegand announced the candidates for officers for 2024. Julia Miller President; Mike Anderson, Vice President; Karen Anderson, Treasurer; Pat Thomas Co-Secretary; and Judy Savage Co-Secretary. A motion was presented by Susan Barnett and seconded by Alison Burton to elect the officers as presented. The motion passed.

**CLUB DUES FOR 2024:** Dave Wiegand presented the recommendation that dues for 2024 remain at \$10.00. Motion was made by Jim Vanderpoel and seconded by Ginny Mutton to keep the dues at \$10.00. The motion passed.

**CHARITABLE GIFTS:** Dave Wiegand presented a recommendation that donations in the amount of \$1000.00 be given to St. Mary's Food Bank, Valley View Food Bank, and the Sun City West Foundation. A motion was made by Mary Beth Kunze and seconded by Pat Wanta to donate that amount to all three organizations. The motion passed. A motion was made by Karen Anderson, and seconded by Jim Vanderpoel to donate \$1000.00 to the Sun City West Community Fund. The motion passed.

**BOTANICAL GARDEN:** The board requested approval to purchase 75 additional signs for the Botanical Garden at a total cost of \$1075.00. A motion was made by Jeanette Johnson and seconded by Helen Shadowens to approve the purchase. The motion passed.

**Upcoming Events:** The topic of the January Membership Meeting will be Gardening and Landscaping Conservation.

**PROGRAM:** Jeanette Johnson introduced our speaker Ben McGonigle of Design Tree Maintenance on the subject of tree diseases and pests.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Sandy Warmuth led drawings of dish gardens made in the greenhouse, a holiday plate and 5 donations by Design Tree.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Thomas, Co-Secretary