

SUN CITY WEST DESERT GARDEN CLUB
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Julia Miller called the meeting to order in RH Johnson Social Hall East at 9:00 AM. There were 69 members present, and 1 guest meeting. She stated that a new member orientation was scheduled for 11:30 AM at the greenhouse following the meeting. She also spoke of the new labeling of the club gardens to North, Courtyard and South gardens following the additions of new plantings in the North Garden. There is no membership meeting in March due to the Garden Tour.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Melissa Leach read Karen Anderson's report, as of January 31, 2024, which stated January sales of \$5,000.00. Checking Account balance is \$39,508.83. Total cash on hand \$39,708.83. True Value January statement has not been received. 50% of the Patriot BBQ payment was made on January 23, 2024 of \$450.00 for the Spring Social. Final payment will be made the day before. 50% of the All Aboard America cost was made on January 4, 2024 of \$1,225.00 for the upcoming bus trip. The annual CR7 Financial Report was completed and delivered to the Rec Center. Preparation of our 2023 income tax return is in process.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Secretary read minutes of last Member Meeting January 9, 2024. They were approved.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS: Eight new club members were welcomed.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Wiegand went over the projected budget for 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Sandy Warmuth reported on upcoming club events of the February 22, 2024 Luncheon at 11:00 A.M. and the need for volunteers, Garden Walk of 7 gardens on March 18, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., and Field Trip to Boyce Thompson Arboretum with guided tour scheduled for April 15, 2024.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH: LiAnn Hathaway stated that the citrus pruning workshop, and the ARC Auto Show were very successful. Workshops on propagating desert plants is scheduled for February 28, 2024, and on irrigating for different plant needs on March 28, 2024. Happy Camp Train and Educate Kids will be held on March 20 and 27, 2024. Julia spoke of the new Learning Labs that will be held on February 14 and 20, 2024 to educate members on the workings of the club. Dave mentioned that we earn \$60,000.00 on plant sales annually and we need to harvest more, distribute the flyer for donating plants, and educate people on identifying plants on the website or coming to the garden club. Sandy mentioned that planting is done from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Tuesday and Thursday in the greenhouse.

GREENHOUSE: Mike Anderson Also spoke of the drop-in Learning Labs which will be held on February 14 and 21, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Replacement water wall filters are needed at a cost of \$1205.45 for 37 filters, and a need for a filter for the main filtrations system from Aquarex at a cost of \$490.00. A motion was made by Jim Vanderpoel and seconded by Rosemary Jorgen to approve \$1205.45 and \$490.00 for these purchases. The motion passed.

PROGRAM: Jeanette Johnson introduced Sue Schmidt who spoke on Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement.

DOOR PRIZES: Sandy Warmuth led drawings of 3 dish gardens made in the greenhouse, and 7 Ikebana arrangements donated by Sue Schmidt.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Thomas, Co-Secretary