

LOCATION: Unity Church, Imperial Boulevard, Bonita Springs, FL

Meeting Opened by President, Patty Townsend - Introduced Jeff, handling new sound system for the Church, and Mike, who has helped with the Church Memorial.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE: Mary King - A Forever Garden

NATIVE PLANTS: Mike talked about the importance of using native plants in our gardens. Suggested two books - NATIVE FLORIDA PLANTS by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell and BRINGING NATURE HOME - How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants by Douglas W. Tallamy.

CONDOLENCES: Passing of Nancy McPherson's husband

MEMORIAL GARDEN-UNITY CHURCH: Members went out to the Garden where Mike gave a talk on the native plants used in the Garden.

11:05 BUSINESS MEETING:

Raffle: Halloween Gift Basket

Flower Show: February, 2022 along with **Plant Sale** - need thoughts from members and commitment to participate in some way. Lots of committees need to be filled.

District, FMLCGC and National Garden Clubs, NGC: Dale DeFeo, District IX Director, (also a new member of Gulf Coast Garden Club) talked about upcoming conventions, symposiums and schools. FFGC Zoom meeting October 26. Cutoff registration date - October 19.

BUDGET: Budget was adjusted - dues was lowered to \$30 but can we keep this rate? Church has new sound system which needs someone at each meeting. Church now billing flat rate of first 2 hours adding to increase cost of this venue. Yearly bills to be paid: insurance, PO Box, SunBiz, District and National Dues. Income will be variable. Balance in checking \$7,680. New budget will be posted on the Web.

POSITION REPLACEMENTS NEEDED: Blossoms Bulletin, Recording Secretary, monthly Raffle. [Slate due by February for vote at March General Meeting](#) - Patty Townsend said she will not be on ballot for President.

YEARBOOK: Artwork by Devon Foley - back cover has Blue Star Memorial photos. Bonita Springs taped the ceremony and will be played at a future date.

- Check your listing to be sure correct. **CORRECT PATTY TOWNSEND'S last four digits to: 6350**
- Meetings reviewed for GCGC, FMLCGC

GREEN THUMB: Back on our schedule

ELEGANT ITEMS SALE: February at meeting and internet

GARDEN VISIT: RSVP to Patty Townsend - at Kathleen Forsman's, new member. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 10-12.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW: Patty Townsend had Russian Boxes for show and shared her extensive knowledge on how different regions use their own techniques. Beautifully executed samples.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Submitted by Anne Duffy, Recording Secretary - 11/15/2021