

Florida Gourd Society Membership Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Therese Zamoiski at 1:15pm.

Nominating Committee report given by Johny Blunt. Committee was unable to find anyone to take position of Secretary. No one took advantage of voting on line. So nominations were open from the floor. Sandy Jordan nominated Penny Webb. Sandy Jordan agreed to continue as Treasurer. Membership approved both positions.

Sandy distributed profit and loss statements for January 1, 2016 to September 11, 2016. The 2016 show had a profit of \$1,854.62. Report accepted by membership. Sandy announced that we changed banks because of fee charges at the old bank. Out standing checks have 6 months to be cashed, then are no longer accepted.

Discussion was held on Traveling teacher program. Each patch is allowed \$150 per year to help pay for teacher from outside a patch. Guidelines are on website. Patches are encouraged to participate in the program.

Sandy motioned that FGS pay the cleaning fee at next years retreat. Membership approved.

Selma motioned that we pay for AC replacement in the sun room. It is one of the rooms we used and this year room was very warm and uncomfortable. Membership approved.

Selma announced that everyone who attended and supported this years retreat will have first choice of classes at next years retreat. She also announced that Featured Artist for 2017 is Debbie Wilson and Wendy Young in 2018.

Discussion was held on the Fall membership meeting. Bylaws state that we have two membership meeting one in spring at the annual show and one in fall. If Retreat is canceled for any reason we would not have a designated date or location. It was suggested that we hold the meeting at the Marion Co. Patch show in November. Date and location is designed. Membership approved. Members will be notified by email and regular mail for those not having email.

Sandy announced that FGS tot bags were on sale for \$10.

Therese announced that the Judge Class will be moved from November 2016 to January 2017. Date and place to be announced. Membership will be notified. We need additional judges for our show.

No further business meeting adjourned at 1:35.

Submitted by Penny Webb, acting Secretary