

Beautification Committee Meeting

February 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brenda Hart at 9 AM in the Clubhouse.

Attendees: Brenda Hart, Pam Behrensprung, Gail Parker, Jayne Hayden, Preston Becker, Pam Page, Lois Wilson, Anne Neel, Gail Swenson, Angie Bageant

The recent freezing temperatures damaged some of the plants. Most should recover. Please clean up the areas you are responsible for. Let Brenda or Preston know if you need additional soil and/or mulch. Note: Trimming will take place in March.

Budget – our 2022 budget is \$4925 (became available Feb 1). Note: This year's budget request was reduced because we are focused on maintenance with no big projects. The community, however has several major projects such as clubhouse roofing, storage garage, possible pool repairs, etc. As of Jan 31, we have \$ 2471 left in donations. We received a donation recently from Dick and Carla Martel of \$100 – thank you note has been sent.

Brenda has organized all the history and paperwork associated with this committee and placed the information in the Office in the Clubhouse. Now accessible and organized for future use.

Projects for February – MAINTENANCE. Cleaning up gardens and grounds – rake and turn soil, remove dead plants, leaves and dead wood. Clean around trees. Put soil under some of the Calusia plants (showing roots), There will be an AHOD date announced for delivery/spreading of mulch to multiple areas (Kubota will be a big help). Additional mulch will be ordered next week.

Brenda has ordered several Wart Ferns to be used as a good ground cover for Old Southway island beds. They are cheap at \$3.50 each. Hoping they provide good ground cover, easy care and a tropical look.

Several pots and plants around the Clubhouse (porch and back lanai) need to be replaced. Gail S. and Pam P. will search out and acquire a large pot for the front porch area where one is broken.

March Projects: Remove bushes along front of clubhouse that are old, rotting and infested. May need a few hands with getting them out and managing the rock and soil in the area.

Looking at future planting around property perimeter. Suggestions for what to plant appreciated.

Lois Wilson volunteered to get the new Herb Garden started. The raised planter was acquired while on sale.

Brenda mentioned she would like to keep the front/current storage shed for Beautification tools, equipment and supplies. Would gladly clean up exterior and paint. She will need to present to the BOD.

Donation boards and committee activity pictures will be updated and added to the bulletin boards and scrapbooks in near future. Jayne Hayden, Angie Bageant will head up this effort.

Going to plan a Beautification "road trip" for beginning of April. May be going back to the Botanical Gardens in Naples.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Bageant