

The July 21,'18 meeting of the MCGA was called to order by president Stephanie Clere at 9:30a.m. with six members present.

Minutes: Lois Owens made a motion to accept minutes as printed, second Sandy Henrichs-approved.

Treasures Report: Lou White presented the treasures report; Beginning balance \$2782.71; Income- \$208.00 (membership. \$48.00; workshop' \$70.00; kit sale-\$20.00 ,rent check \$70.00 for May- June never received or cashed . Expenses: \$204.70: workshop \$70.00; rent \$105.00 May- July 2018, Sandy- mileage \$29.70, balance \$2786.01. approved as read.

Old Business: Lenore Siek asked for clarification on business card order- She was told 500 from Vista - \$9.99 plus shipping. cards one sided MCGA information and president's name and phone number. Someone said Carole Sheftic has a template with the logo. Lenore was asked to contact her and get cards ordered.

New Business; proposed by laws- Several times over the past three years members were asked about bylaws for the club. Nobody seemed to know where they were! The month the officers reviewed by laws from both the State and National gourd clubs . Information that would pertain to our patch was compiled and posted last month. All of a sudden some original by laws were found, so during the September meeting we will discuss revising the two, with suggestions from members.

Meeting Time Change- because of the above business , members voted to start the September meeting (only) at 9a.m., since we have a wood burning workshop which will be given by Carole, following the meeting.

Day trip proposal: Steph said she has been looking into possibly doing a day trip to a gourd farm next spring. She looked into renting a van for the field trip and asked if anyone would be interested in this outing. Most of the members present showed interest in learning more about how gourds are grown, etc. Tonia owen the seminar teacher for the July meeting, suggested Chiefland (Susan Watson) She said it's located here in Florida and the owner is very knowledgeable .This will be reviewed and presented later.

Tables Eustis Flea Market_ last month sandy told members that the flea market is open on Thursday and we might look into renting a table for members to donate items to sell as a fund raiser. rental is about \$15-20.00 She will look into this for November. If a member wants to display their own gourds , they will have to be present at the sale. This will be discussed further in September.

Lenore handed out membership sheets and asked members to review them for any corrections Sandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second Glenda Damm- approved..

REMINDER- NO MEETING IN AUGUST

The seminar on marbleizing was presented by Tonia Owen. All participants received a prepared gourd bowl plus two egg gourds, and a 6 paint kit ,and stir sticks. Tonia explained that the water needed to be cool when paint added to it, than lightly mixed. She demonstrated how to dip item straight down, move paint away from item and bring up in clear area. We all took turns dipping pieces of gourd shard for practice.

By the end of the seminar most of us had two beautifully different gourd bowls and some very pretty egg ornaments., plus we had marbleizing paints to take home. Thanks Tonia.