

ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
March 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 a.m. by President Linda Powers.

Linda announced that Anita Wilson is home from the hospital. She read a note from Anita thanking the members for all their help and concern.

ESC has an Emeritus Program which was designed to honor members who have made major contributions to the club and who are no longer able to attend meetings. This year's honoree is Doris Brown. A framed Certificate of Appreciation was read to the club, and will be mailed to Doris.

There were three *Blue Ribbon Winners* at the recent Shell Shows: Sue Murray, Karen Paulsen at Sarasota, and Linda Powers at Sanibel. These entries, along with their ribbons, were on display at today's meeting.

Treasurer Rita Stonehouse gave our balance as \$1,707.36 after making our yearly contributions. We have received thank-you notes from Freeman Crosby and the Elsie Quirk Library. The library will use our donations to purchase books, and will put a name-plate inside saying that the book was donated by ESC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beach Walks: It was announced the April beach walk will be 10 a.m., April 11th at Manasota Beach.

Excursions: Marilyn Boyd reports that she still has discount certificates for Congress Jewelers available should anyone want one. Carol Ayres, Marilyn, and Ruth Middlebrooks were given a round of applause for their hard work on excursions this year.

Historian: Martha Dehne announced that Meredith Blain will be helping her with the scrapbook next year.

Librarian: Judy Kauk states that if you still have an outstanding library book, you should bring it to the picnic. Judy announced that any unreturned books will disqualify the individual for membership. The Shell of the Month was presented by Linda Powers, who spoke on *Jaspidiconus lindapowersae*.

Membership: Sandy Ouderkirk reports that as of today, we have 149 members.

Merchandise: Connie Cummins announced that merchandise ordered last month can be picked up today.

Shell Study: Candy Niziol advises that she will be in charge of the March 28th shell study group: she will be talking about wrapping and packing shells for travel.

Shellcrafters: Sue Murray announced that the final session for the year will be held this Friday: the project will be shell frames and/or mirrors. There are still openings for the class.

Social: Pam Orozco announced that the annual picnic will be held April 17th at the Englewood Beach and Garden Club. A sign-up sheet is on the table. She is in need of men to do the grilling. In addition, she asks we bring canned and packaged goods for the food drive.

Candy introduced our speakers: Dawn & Blair Witherington who spoke on *The Provenance of Seashells*.

After a break, the officers for the year 2018/2019 were inducted by the out-going president, Linda Powers. President/Colleen Fosnaugh, (Vice-President Leslie Furmage was not in attendance), Treasurer/Martha Dehne, and Secretary/Judy Herman. Sue Rundle and Candy Niziol were inducted as Members-at-Large (Wayne Cormier was not present).

Linda thanked all the members, the officers and the team leaders, for their help and support during her presidency. She states that the success of the club comes from the membership. Sandy Ouderkirk presented Linda with a gift which thanks her for her exceptional efforts over the past two years. Linda was given a round of applause and a standing ovation. As her last presidential action, she called the numbers for the raffle prizes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Judy Herman
Recording Secretary