

## November 26, 2023 MINUTES of Gainesville Bromeliad Society

Bob Stevens, President was absent. Steve Provost, VP conducted the meeting. He announced the tentative speakers list for 2024 and that the Board recommended speakers receive \$200/talk which will put them at the same level as other societies around Florida.

Sandy Burnett, treasurer, said we have \$2,632.72 in savings and \$716.54 in checking. We will need to pay a small tax for our sale. Dues will remain at \$20 single and \$25 family and are due in January.

Officers will continue as in 2023 (applause). Bob Stevens as President; Steve Provost as Vice President; Elaine Young as Secretary; and Sandy Burnett as Treasurer. For At Large positions, Julieta Brambila and Mary White were both approved by members.

Florida Council – GBS has two representatives: Steve will continue as representative and Sandy Burnett who served as FCBS president this year, is stepping down and Bob Stevens will take her place.

Sandy is working on the website to list our program schedule and Julieta is updating the Facebook page.

The Garden Club's plant sale will take place at the First Magnitude Brewing Company on Saturday, February 18, 2024 and GBS will provide some bromeliads for the sale. Members were requested to identify plants that they would be willing to donate for the sale. Details to follow.

Larry Hice and Mary White are working on the raffle for future meetings and Tim Martin and Nancy Mason are working on the silent auction.

In addition, a number of plants were purchased from a former GBS member in Ocala who is downsizing her collection and offered to GBS members. This took the place of the usual raffle.

The next meeting will take place in January with a tour of Larry Hice's garden. .

Meeting adjourned about 2:25 with 30 attendees.