

## **FGSI Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, February 27, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 12:46 PM by President, Therese Zamoiski, in Melbourne, FL.

Patches in attendance were:

Brevard 9  
Manasota 5  
Marion County 2  
North East 11  
Seminole 4

**Secretary's Report** - No report given as Greer Peters was not able to attend

**Treasurer's Report** - Sandra Jordan reported that Revenue exceeded expenditures for the year 2015, including the Show. The books were audited and approved as of December 31, 2015. Sandra also stated that funds to pay patches for two visiting instructors would be \$150.00 per year. Each patch participating with a Traveling gourd must request their payments.

### **New Business**

President, Therese Zamoiski, reported that the Show will be back at the Azan Shrine Center for 2017 as the space is okay for now. She also stated that Rusti Nichols said she will continue as Show Chair.

More patches need to be encouraged to help with the show.

A Nominating Committee of three members is needed for the election this year. The two offices up for election are Treasurer and Secretary. A question was asked why the current officers couldn't retain their positions and Therese advised they could run again. Penny Webb, Carol Straus and Johnny Blunt volunteered. The voting for the election will take place at the Fall Membership Meeting, but will also be available online for those who are not able to be there.

Therese Zamoiski also stated that she and Sandra Jordan will be organizing a Judges Training Class, which will be held sometime in the fall before the Show in 2017. For anyone wishing to become a judge, there is a form online on the American Gourd Society web site.

The subject of needing new patches was discussed and Brenda Hutchinson stated she will come up with ideas for getting people into patches.

Pat Robertson stated that more volunteers are needed for the Show as the same people are handling the various duties and this prevents them from being able to take classes. There are a number of areas that could use volunteers, especially during the packing up at the end of the Show.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM with no further business.