The meeting was called to order by President, Joyce Barton, at 10:10 am.

Members present include:
Joyce Barton, President
Judy Ying, VP
Carol Robitschek, Treas
Kathryn Merry, Sec.

Review of last year: It was unanimous that steps need to take place to encourage more members of clubs to attend, not just those hosting. Additional discussion was how to maintain a short, but interesting meeting and how to encourage those attending more to be more involved.

Ideas from above discussion:
- Establish a Welcome Table with greeters, especially for guests/new comers.
- New name tags that are standardized. Include SBGCA logo, SBGCA name, members name and respective garden club name.
- Create and vote on logo.
- Purchase a portable speaker.

Website: The By-laws the assign the Vice President as the Web Administrator.
- Judy will update the SBGCA pages and encourage members clubs to do so.
- Judy will contact GCBS for their updates.
- Carol to contact IHB & Port Malabar for their updates.
- Kathryn to contact Melb & Island for their updates.
- Joyce to contact Beach Gardeners for their updates.

Board Meetings:
- Board meetings will be front loaded to organize the SBGCA and then, as needed.
- Invite the Presidents and SBGCA Reps to the Board meetings.
- Date of future Board meeting:
  - Tues, Oct. 15 – 3pm  Melb Bch Library
  - Tues, Nov 12 – 3 pm Melb Bch Library
  - Wed, Dec 11 – 3 pm Melb Bch Library
  - Tues, Mar 10 – 3 pm Melb Bch Library

General Meetings:
- Change order of events
  - 9am  Library opens; Tables set up (Welcome; Board; Luncheon; Plant)
  - 9-10  Welcome guests; Speaker prep; Browse plants
  - 10 am  Speaker is introduced
  - 10:45  Board meeting starts
  - 11:15  Luncheon is served
  - 12:15  Clean up room

Scholarships/Donations: Tabled
**Plant Table:** Encourage the exchange of Florida Natives and Florida Friendly plants.

**Tree Project:** No discussion.

**Announcements:**
- Sat., Oct 19  
  Florida Native Plant Society Yard Tour – Kathryn has tickets
- Apr 16-19  
  Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Convention, Tampa

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Merry, Secretary