



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 28, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of January 9, 2023.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Meagher at 8:40 am and attendance was stated for the record.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES:

A motion was made by Ms. Ehrenhaft and seconded by Ms. Reese to approve the absence of Ms. Burke, Ms. Seipp and Ms. Lam.

The motion was unanimously approved.

OPENING STATEMENT:

Chair Meagher talked about the connections between George Merrick, his team, and the people in the community who have continued to work very hard to rescue and preserve places. She mentioned Sallye Jude, Robert Fitch Smith and George Merrick's achievements and accolades. He also mentioned Plaques in "The Garden of Our Lord", as well as the Historic Preservation Board reviewing the designation at their next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ms. Cason and seconded by Ms. Ehrenhaft to approve the minutes of November 14, 2022, with corrections.

The motion was unanimously approved.

HOUSE REPORT:

1. **Coral Gables Merrick House Report for December 2022. (attached).**
2. **Merrick House Matters Newsletters.**
3. **Donation by Gay Bondurant.**
4. **Docent Shortage.**
6. **Docent Bruce Ehrenhaft.**
7. **Christmas Tree Removal.**
8. **Telephone for Merrick House.**
9. **Roof Leak.**
10. **Other Issues.**
11. **Venetian Plaster.**
12. **Coral Wall.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution).**
2. **Maintenance Schedule**
3. **Website.**

4. **Museum Board.**
5. **Garden Club Décor.**
6. **Christmas decorations.**
7. **Open House Notes.**
8. **Coral Wall Ribbon Cutting.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **“100 Voices” Lectures:**
 - a) **January.**
 - b) **February.**
 - c) **March.**
 - d) **April.**
 - e) **May.**
2. **Garden Tea:**
 - a) **Date.**
 - b) **Point Person.**
 - c) **Theme.**
 - d) **Ticket Costs.**
 - e) **Advance Ticket Sales.**
 - f) **Food.**
3. **Dishwasher.**
4. **Purchase of new antique vanity set.**

A motion was made by Ms. Reese and seconded by Ms. Cason to approve the purchase of a new antique vanity set using Merrick House Funds.

The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS: None

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY: None

1. **Thank you card from Ms. Worm.**
2. **Rental Request from the St. Lucia Consulate.**

A motion was made by Ms. Ehrenhaft and seconded by Ms. Reese to approve the rental of the Merrick House grounds by the St. Lucia Consulate for their flag raising ceremony on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 am.