

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

November 14, 2003

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush. The invocation was given by Chaplain, Mary Lu Sloop, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the club collect. The President acknowledged the greeters, Nancy Mirgon and Patsy Neel, and the hostesses, Cathi Ayers and Norma Ditmars. First Vice-President, Debbie Barney, welcomed guests and 4 new members: Carole J Baker, Diane Freund, Linda Florio-Sosnicki and Alex Sosnicki.

October meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail and extra copies were available for review prior to the meeting. There were no corrections and the minutes were accepted as written.

Correspondence received by the President was reported and included a thank-you from Camp E-Nini-Hassee for the donation of \$250 towards the construction of the camp's aquatic center and a request from District V for a raffle item valued at not less than \$35 for the state convention.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann (see attached). Income during the month of October was \$3477.84, which included proceeds from the Secret Garden Tour. Disbursements were \$642. Ending balance: \$6665.28.

OFFICER REPORTS:

The president displayed a FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB banner made for the club by her son for just \$26, and showed a sample of display boards purchased for the purpose of making semi-permanent table displays for those events where such displays are needed or appropriate. She also reported that she will be donating her time and materials for creating a painted "card" to displayed downtown during Heritage Days and described her idea for making this multi-purpose, as well. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with creation of the signs.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: In the absence of Thelma Noble, Awards chairman, the president reported attendance at an Awards workshop held the previous week. She asked all members participating in any club projects to save receipts, notes, publicity and photographs for documentation to be used in creating Books of Evidence for award applications.

Civic and Community Development: In absence of Phyllis Peters, the president reported on the Gateway Dedication held on October 18 and requested volunteers to meet at the Gateway Gardens at 8 a.m. on December 1st to help weed.

Ways and Means: In the absence of chairman Bobbie Schoss, the president announced that we are expanding our Ways and Means items in advance of the two spring events, the annual Plant Sale and the District V meeting we are hosting. She asked members to contact Bobbie if they have ideas for items that would likely sell well.

Special Committees Reports

District V Host Committee: JoAnn advised that volunteers are still needed for a variety of tasks. The meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church. Chairmen appointed thus far are as follows: Marie Jones - Favors; Program cover and Name Tag design - Jo Ann Quackenbush; Food - Bobbie Schoss, Margaret Young and Diane Dowthitt; Club Sales - Cathi Ayers and Thelma Noble; Table Decorations - Bette Ayers, Lynn Bassett and Patsy Neel.

Heritage Days: Volunteers to be hosts in historic homes are still needed. Costumes for hosts may be picked up at Marcia Beasley's home between 2-4 p.m. on Monday, November 24.

Historic Oak Tree Seedlings: Lynn Bassett and JoAnn Quackenbush potted up 2 dozen oak seedlings found growing under historic downtown oaks. These will be available for purchase during Heritage Days. Anyone who sees additional seedlings that can be removed from the ground and potted should call Lynn.

School Beautification Project: Cathi Ayers reported that a workday was held on 11/12 and the following members were present: Lynn and H.D. Bassett, Brian Pasby, Frank Peters, Barry Pendry, Jo Ann Quackenbush and Cathi Ayers. The new flower bed planted in July was groomed and an area was excavated for a small patio, bench, arbor and shrubs. The next workday is scheduled for Thursday, November 20 at 3:30 p.m.

Cathi Ayers also reported on the club's participation at the school's Hoedown Festival on November 8. The club took in approximately \$137, \$10 of which went back to the school PTA. In addition to Ways & Means items, the following club members donated plants or other items for this event: Bette Ayers, Cathi Ayers, Lynn Bassett, Dorothy Clark, Joan Knippen, Laura Hennings, Dawn Waltonbaugh, Jo Ann Quackenbush. Booth volunteers were: Cathi Ayers, Ed and Dorothy Clark, Christine Harnden, Thelma Noble, Jo Ann Quackenbush, Norm and Bobbie Schoss and Dawn Waltonbaugh.

Library Arrangements: There are still many open months for volunteers to make dried or contrived flower arrangements to display in the library.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynn Bassett, chairman of the Annual Plant Sale, asked members to be potting up plants now and caring for them through the winter for our homegrown offerings at the sale.

Cathi Ayers suggested that the club forego the plant sale this year in light of the financial success of the Secret Garden Tour and the anticipated volunteer work going into the District V meeting. There was discussion and an informal show of hands regarding this suggestion. The Board will take the suggestion under consideration.

AWARDS

On behalf of Bobbie Schoss The Petal Power Award was presented by the president to Debra Owens for her work in selling opportunity drawing tickets for the throw which was given away at the Secret Garden Tour.

The President's Award was given to the members (and spouses) who worked on the Gateway Garden: Cathi Ayers, Thelma Noble, Debra Owens, Frank Peters, Ossie Beasley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General announcements were made regarding upcoming events.

- Sunday, November 30: 100th birthday party honoring Flossie Bassett to be held from 2-4 p.m. at the Community Building
- Monday, December 1: 8 a.m. Gateway Gardens weeding
- Monday, December 1: 9 a.m. Decorate the town - meet at Community Building
- Wednes. December 3: 9 a.m. Roadside Clean-up - meet at Community Building
- Friday, December 5: 4:30 p.m. Luminary placement - meet at the Church of Christ vacant lot on corner of Orange and Church.
- Saturday, December 6: 10 am - 4 p.m. Heritage Day and Historic Homes Tour
- Saturday, December 6: 6:30 p.m. Decorated Boats parade leaving from Sunshine Lodge
- Sunday, December 7: 2 p.m. Acoustic Folk Series at Community Building \$8

The meeting was adjourned and the program was introduced by Debbie Barney.

PROGRAM

The program titled "Stop! Don't Throw that Away!" was presented by club member Marie Jones, who gave an inspiring and fun demonstration of numerous ways to re-use materials which are typically thrown away.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Ayers