

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

October 2003

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush. The invocation was given by Terry Newberry 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 and hostesses.

First Vice-President, Debbie Barney, welcomed guests and new and returning members: _____? _____ (guest), Jackie Ross (new), Jeanne Henson, renewed.

September 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.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann (see attached). There was no discussion.

OFFICER REPORTS:

The president reported that Lynn Bassett has volunteered to fill the vacant position of second Vice-President when she is in Floral City.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Civic and Community Development: In absence of Phyllis Peters, the president expressed appreciation to Michael Harnden, Thelma Noble, Cathi Ayers, Debra Owens and Ossie Beasley for their assistance in creating the garden around the new Floral City gateway sign.

Internet/Website: Diane Dowthitt reported that the FCGC website calendar, **officers and committee** is now current.

Junior Gardeners: Dawn Waltonbaugh gave an informative report on Jr. Gardener activities.

Legislation and Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reminded everyone of the Gateway sign dedication on 10/18, made requests for hostess volunteers for Heritage Days and announced availability of a new t-shirt celebrating Citrus County Heritage Week.

Memorial Garden: Kathy Hofmann thanked everyone who has helped with garden maintenance and reported there would be no new projects in the garden until the town center project is under way. Her husband is exploring possibility of repairing existing benches.

Ways and Means: Bobbie Schoss displayed the "throw" to be raffled at the garden tour and offered tickets to members at the meeting. An opportunity drawing for a second throw will be held at the December luncheon. Tickets will be available at November and December meetings.

World Gardening: Dawn Waltonbaugh made a report on the Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (ECHO) which works actively to find solutions to global hunger issues. ECHO is based in North Ft. Myers and is open for field trips.

Horticulture: Gloria Uhl gave a brief report on the Arbor Day Foundation, provided hand-outs on pruning and announced that we would have a video program on proper pruning techniques later in the year.

Special Committees Reports

Secret Garden Tour: Carol Hart, chairman of this committee, expressed appreciation to everyone who worked on the tour which was scheduled for the day after this meeting.

District V Host Committee: JoAnn asked members to sign up for one of the sub-committees on the sign-up sheet.

AWARDS

Petal Power Award was presented to Bobbie and Norm Schoss for the action they've taken on behalf of the club to save the gopher tortoises being threatened by development.

The President's Award was given to the members who worked on the Secret Garden Tour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General announcements were made regarding upcoming events.

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

PROGRAM

The program on Integrated Pest Management was presented by club member and master gardener, Dawn Waltonbaugh.