

## FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

February 13, 2004

### Minutes

The February meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush. Nancy Mirgon gave the invocation in the absence of chaplain, Mary Lu Sloop, and President Quackenbush led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the club collect. The President acknowledged the hostesses and greeters: Kathy Hofmann, Cathy Foley, Debbie Barney and Dawn Waltonbaugh. First Vice-President, Debbie Barney welcomed two guests: Carolyn xxxxxxxxxx and Jacqueline DeTorres.

**January meeting minutes** were distributed by e-mail and extra copies were available for review prior to the meeting. Several corrections were noted and made and the minutes were then accepted.

**Treasurer's report** was given by Kathy Hofmann. Income during the month of January was \$84.07 and disbursements were \$439.22; ending balance: \$6301.05 (Statement attached). The treasurer also gave advance notice of collection of dues for next year.

**Correspondence** received by the President was reported.

- Invitation to attend a Fashionable 1890's Luncheon at Plantation Resort on February 20.
- Invitation to attend a Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication on February 25.
- Invitation to attend Camp E-Nini-Hassee's 35th anniversary celebration on February 28.

### Officers Reports

The President reported for the Board.

- Receipt of a notice of recall for any purchase of potpourri containing scented pinecones from India. Potpourri should be returned to place of purchase. Wood-boring beetles have been found in the pinecones.
- Inventory will be taken of GC items in storage at the Community Building. The President asked that any member storing GC items make an inventory and provide the list to her. Also, the aprons with the GC logo cannot be located.
- A show of hands was requested for members intending to participate in the floral arrangement workshop for the March program. All materials will be provided.
- The April meeting field trip to Angel Gardens in Gainesville will carpool from the Duval Island Boat Ramp leaving at 8:30 a.m.
- A sign-up sheet was routed for the May meeting Homosassa River Boat Tour and Luncheon
- A request was made that ideas for a FCGC Poster Display be submitted to the President.
- A District V Host committee meeting is scheduled for February 27.

### Standing Committee Reports

**Awards:** Chairman Thelma Noble reported that Books of Evidence were mailed and have been received at FFGC for two awards, one each for the clubs' participation in the Gateway Sign garden and the Freedom Tree event last January. Thelma and Faith Coleman were applauded for their work in putting together the BOEs.

**Birds & Butterflies:** Chairman Cathy Foley announced that a new birdbath was donated by Diamond Enterprises. It has been ordered and will be in a few weeks. She requested that the donation be listed on the club webpage. The secretary sent a thank-you to Diamond Enterprises.

**Helping Hands:** Chairman Debbie Barney thanked members who provided meals to Pam Bellman during her recovery from a broken elbow and for members who donated boxes to assist Marie Jones and Bobbie Schoss in their upcoming moves. She reminded members to call her with any special help needs.

**Horticulture:** Lynn Bassett announced that a group of natural gardening tips were brought in by Dorothy Clark and would be on display at the information table. She also reminded members to be growing and grooming homegrown plants for sale at the District V meeting.

**Legislation:** Bobbie Schoss read a letter sent to the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of FCGC stating concerns for the preservation of gopher tortoises in Citrus County. She reports that the Board has responded favorably to the public sentiments expressed about burying the tortoises alive in the process of new road construction and is considering changes in county policy.

**Scholarship:** Cathi Ayers reported that publicity has gone out to the newspapers and high schools.

**Trees and Arbor Day:** In Marie Jones' absence, the President reported that we will be observing National Arbor Day, Saturday April 10 by planting two trees. Members who have planted any trees since last March should provide Marie with a count. The current FFGC President, Joan Pryor, is awarding certificates to anyone who plants a tree that will bloom during her administration's "America's A Blooming" program. Applications need to be submitted by February of 2005.

**Ways & Means:** Chairman Bobbie Schoss reported that citrus spray has been ordered and will be available next month.

**Yard of the Year:** Carol Hart announced that nominations are being accepted for the five yard of the year categories and passed around sheets for members to complete and return no later than the April meeting.

### **Special Committee Reports**

**Downtown Decorations Committee:** Cathy Foley reported that there has not yet been a response from the electric company. The committee found a best price for extra large velvet bows at \$4 per bow in cases of 36 with a discount to be offered depending on number ordered. There was discussion regarding storage of bows, if purchased, and longevity of the bows relative to cost. The committee will report again when the number of bows needed and final price are determined.

**Nominating Committee:** Terry Newberry announced that Bobbie Schoss will accept the position of Second Vice-President, vacated when Debbie Barney moved into First Vice-President position after Phyllis Peters resigned. Bobbie's acceptance of this office is contingent upon someone else assuming responsibility for Ways and Means and will take affect in June.

**School Beautification Committee:** Cathi Ayers reported that the wall which has been designated for a mural is scheduled to be painted with the base coat of shades of blue on or about April 2 hopefully by girls from Camp E Nini Hassee. After that, club artists will be enlisted to paint the mural.

### **Unfinished Old Business**

**FFGC Convention** There was question about the discussion at the January meeting regarding the club sending delegates to FFGC convention. The January minutes did not reflect if a motion had been made and voted on. A new motion was made to send up to three members, as this is the number of voting delegates we are permitted based on membership.

**Old Birdbath** Marcia Beasley gave an interesting history regarding the concrete birdbath that is being replaced in the Butterfly Garden. It was donated in memory of a previous member, Eleanor Bonifield, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1982. Over the years it was used in numerous garden club and rose society events. It was placed in the Memorial Garden when the garden was first established but was subsequently knocked over and the fountain figurine broken off. The remaining basin was moved to the Butterfly Garden, but due to the difficulty in keeping it clean because it is so heavy, it is now being replaced. The club voted to let Marcia have the old birdbath rather than discarding it.

### **New Business**

FOL Book Sale Table: ~~Friends of the Garden Club~~ have invited FCGC, along with other community groups, to set up display and/or sales tables outside the community building on March 20, the day of the book sale. The club agreed this would be a good idea and the following members volunteered to assist: Cathi Ayers, Pam Bellman, Linda Florio-Sosnicki, Christine Harnden, Kathy Hofmann, and Patsy Neel.

### **Awards**

Carol Hart presented the Petal Power Award to Janis Lehowicz, Alice Reed and Betty Sumner, the sisters who are always supportive of club activities and responsive to requests for assistance. The President's Award was acknowledgment to Michael Harnden and Gloria Uhl for their work in creating the video for today's program.

### **Announcements**

Members were asked to save decorative tissue boxes for table favors for the District meeting. Nancy Mirgon has been assisting Marie Jones in making the favors and additional volunteers were requested.

Events mentioned during the President's report were re-iterated along with a reminder about the February 20, Riverhaven GC "Antiques, Brie and Thee" on February 20.

### **Adjournment and Program**

The business meeting was adjourned and Program Chairman Debbie Barney introduced Michael Harnden who demonstrated proper pruning techniques in a video filmed by Gloria Uhl.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Ayers

Financial Statement  
January 1 to January 31, 2004

Balance Forward \$6656.20

INCOME

Birthday Fund:	\$ 21.32
Ways & Means	62.75
TOTAL	\$ 84.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Programs and Acknowledgments	\$ 294.03
Office Supplies	135.88
Ways & Means	9.31
TOTAL	\$ 439.22

ENDING BALANCE \$6301.05