

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

November 12, 2004

Minutes

The November meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush. The invocation was given by chaplain, Mary Lu Sloop, and Jo Ann led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. First Vice-President Bobbie Schoss welcomed new member Cathy Davis and guests Becky Towne, xxxxxxx and xxxxxxxxxxx. Jo Ann acknowledged the hostesses and greeters: Shirley McAllen, Patsy Neel, Diane Freund, and Kathy Hofmann. November birthdays were acknowledged.

October meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail and a copy available on the information table. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann (see attached).

Correspondence: None reported.

Officers Reports

President Jo Ann Quackenbush:

Jo Ann represented FCGC at the District V meeting held in McIntosh on October 11. FCGC received a "Gold Certificate" for being part of FFGC for 40 years as well as a check for \$100 which was a thank-you gift to each District V club for their community work and assistance with hosting the FFGC convention last April. JoAnn also received the new President's Kit with items she will be distributing to appropriate committees and Opportunity Drawing tickets for the 2004 FFGC Convention which sell for \$1 each.

First Vice-President, Bobbie Schoss:

Reported about the newly formed FC Youth and Family Council Advisory Committee whose mission is to provide more community opportunities for youth and families. The next meeting will be Monday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge.

Second Vice-President Debbie Barney:

Asked for volunteers to help with decorating tables for the Christmas pot-luck luncheon.

Asked for a show of hands of those who would be interested in attending an extra program for a slide show on bromeliads.

Standing Committee Reports

Civic and Community Development: Cathy Foley reported the Decorations committee has scheduled downtown decorating for Monday, November 29. Meet at the Community Building at 9 a.m.

Legislation and Historic Preservation: Debbie Barney, for Marcia Beasley, reminded everyone of upcoming Heritage Day activities circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers for historic home hostesses.

Internet/Webpage: Diane Dowthitt reported that, in addition to our new independent webpage, the Chronicle webpage is still up, and that the Chronicle has offered us a reduced rate for our webpage which we will take advantage of when the new independent page expires.

School Garden: Cathi Ayers requested volunteers to help complete the mural and to weed/maintain the garden with the next workday scheduled for Monday, November 15 at 8 a.m.

Ways and Means: Carol Hart drew members' attention to a new opportunity for members to bring small "yard sale" type items which they might be planning to donate to one of the thrift stores to sell at club meetings. All proceeds would go to the club. Carol also showed items donated from Floral City Antiques for this month's opportunity drawing.

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Special Committee Reports

Secret Gardens Tour: Thelma Noble reported for SGT co-chairmen Dave Noble and Frank Peters. Of the garden owners receiving awards last year, eight have agreed to be on the tour, one undecided and one not yet reached. The majority stated a preference for a Fall tour.

Old Business

The proposal for an amendment to the By-Laws which was presented at the October meeting was reviewed. The President called for a vote and the amendment was passed unanimously. (See attached page).

New Business

- Cathy Davis announced that Citrus Memorial Hospital is looking for volunteers to care for the outside potted plants if any of our members would be interested.
- Christine Harnden, reporting for Michael Harnden, Trees and Arbor Day chairman, that Michael was proposing that the club plant one or two trees for Florida Arbor Day in January and that the trees be designated in honor/memory of recently deceased long time FC residents Flossie Bassett, Reverend Bellamy and Anita Roy. Michael has offered to match whatever amount the club approves to spend on the trees. A motion was made and passed to purchase two trees to be planted on Orange Avenue as replacements for trees already lost or currently in severe decline with the club contributing \$200 towards the purchase of the trees.
- Thelma announced that the Nobles' yard just received the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods award from the County Extension Office. She encouraged club members to pick up an application and said that the extension agent has said that most any yard which receives the FYN award will qualify for the National Wildlife Federation's Wildlife Habitat award.

Awards

The Petal Power award went from Frank Peters, via Diane Dowthitt to Dave Noble for his work on the Secret Garden Tour.

Announcements

- Reminder of downtown decorating 9 a.m. on Monday 11/29 & Roadside Clean-up Wed 12/1
 - Reminder of need for hostesses/hosts for historic homes tour as well as the Heritage Hall Museum which will be in the Old Fire Station during Heritage Days.
 - December 3 - Luminaries and caroling
 - December 4 - Heritage Day and Historic Homes tour
 - December 10 - Annual Christmas potluck luncheon at Singing Forest (directions in yearbook)
- Bring place setting. Optional plant or garden-related item for gift exchange limit is \$10.00. Spouses or friend welcome.

Adjournment and Program

The business meeting was adjourned. After a brief break, Master Gardener and former FCGC member, Dawn Waltonbaugh gave a program on growing herbs and their use in cooking.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Ayers

Financial Statement
October 1 - October 31, 2004

Balance Forward: \$ 2786.62

Income

Dues 28.00

Ways and Means 58.00

TOTAL 86.00

Disbursements

District meeting 15.00

Refund Garden Tour 15.00

Rent for Oct & Nov 53.00

Ways & Means 112.56

TOTAL 195.56

ENDING BALANCE \$ 2677.06

(Attachment to November 12, 2004 minutes)

Amendment to By-Laws

Underlined words reflect changes

Under the heading of Officers:

1. Officers of this club shall be President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.
2. Officers shall be elected every two (2) years and shall serve for a two (2) year term.
3. A committee, appointed by the President at the end of the first year of the Administrative Term, shall nominate all officers.
4. The new slate of Officers is to be presented at the December Meeting, and elected by two-thirds vote of active membership present at the January meeting.
5. Officers Elect shall be installed at the February Meeting (or a special installation meeting/luncheon as determined by the Board each year) and shall assume the full duty of their respective office at the close of the final (May) meeting of the year.