

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
April 8, 2005 Minutes

At 12:30 p.m., prior to the business meeting being called to order, the President introduced Horticulture Chairman, Lynn Bassett, who led the membership in a question-answer sharing about numerous topics of interest which included garden pests, plant "symptoms," and growth characteristics. This was the second month of a trial period for beginning club meetings earlier to allow more time for horticulture sharing.

The April business meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush. The invocation was given by chaplain-elect, Terry Newberry, and Jo Ann led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the club collect. Jo Ann acknowledged the hostesses Mary Ann Jaksina and Debbie Barney and greeters Terry Newberry, Shirley McAllen and Nancy Mirgon. April birthdays were acknowledged.

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

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

Correspondence: See upcoming events/announcements

Officers Reports

President Quackenbush reported: - On 3/19 the club acknowledged Arbor Day by planting 2 live oak trees on Orange Avenue. Members who participated were: Michael and Christine Harnden - who donated one of the trees, Marcia and Ossie Beasley, Cathi Ayers and Barry Pendry, Pam Bellman, Thelma Noble, Peggy Patillo and JoAnn.

- The May meeting will be a pot-luck awards banquet. Beverage will be provided. Members should bring their own table service.

- Committee chairmen asked to submit names of members to be acknowledged for awards to Thelma Noble.

- NGC, Inc. is sponsoring a Walk-a-Thon to benefit landscaping of Habitat for Humanity homes. Individual clubs may or may not choose to have a walk-a-thon, but any donations from Florida clubs will stay in Florida and be divided between the 12 districts for local HFH projects.

Standing Committee Reports

- Community Gardens: Memorial - Kathy Hofmann made a request for volunteers for summer watering and circulated a list. School Garden - Kathy Davis announced Monday, April 11 at 3:00 p.m. as a workday to coincide with the Jr. Gardener meeting.

- Junior Gardeners and School Garden - Bobbie Schoss reported on plans to involve the Jr. Gardeners in planning a school wide celebration of Earth Day.

- Landscape Design and Garden Awards: Cathy Foley asked that nominations for garden awards be phoned to her or e-mailed to Shirley Allen.

- Legislation and Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reminded members of the April 13 meeting of the County Commissioners to address the tree ordinance and urged those who have not already contacted commissioners by phone, e-mail or fax to do so.

- Photography Committee: A request was made for back-up photographers for meetings and events. Deb Owens, Pam Bellman and Diane Freund volunteered.

- Scholarship: Cathi Ayers - Only one application has been received at this time.

- Secret Gardens Tour: Dave Noble - Report of the SGT committee meeting held on 3/29 - Tour date for this year will be 9/24 with 10/1 as a rain date. Committee requests that membership recommend gardens they feel are tour worthy. Any new recommendations will be added to the list from last year's cancelled tour and used to select gardens for this tour. The hope is that a 'pool' of tour worthy gardens will be generated for future years to keep the tours fresh, interesting and secret. Recommended gardens should be submitted no later than May 13th.

- Trees & Arbor Day: Jo Ann reported for Michael Harnden: Sat 3/19/2005 at 10AM we joined Michael Harnden, Certified Arborist & Tree Committee Chairman, and planted two live oaks, one donated by the garden club which was planted on the corner of Orange & Annie and the other donated by Michael & Christine which was planted on the corner of Orange & Fannie.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS

FFGC membership: Presentations were made by Kathy Hofmann and by Marcia Beasley, along with past-presidents Dorothy Clark, Peggy Patillo and Cathi Ayers, regarding the cons and pros, respectively, of continuing membership in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. A ballot vote followed with results as follows: Retain membership - 20; Relinquish membership - 13; abstain - 4.

NEW BUSINESS :

Based on last month's vote to continue the Secret Garden Tour fundraiser as a biennial event, a question was posed regarding whether the plant sale fundraiser should continue as an annual event or be held in alternate years with the SGT. A voice vote was taken with all in favor of continuing the plant sale as an annual event.

A request was made and approved to purchase a new hose and hose holder for the Rose Garden.

Sue Grabel, a local resident, asked to address the membership regarding her neighbor, Dorothy Haines, who died recently. Dorothy was a previous recipient of a FCGC garden award. Dorothy was an avid gardener and her family wished to donate her potted plants for this year's plant sale.

AWARDS

- Petal Power Award went from Shirley McAllen to Joan Knippen for her work organizing the homegrown plants for the plant sale.

- The President acknowledged all who helped with the Arbor Day tree planting and as volunteers to keep our community gardens maintained.

Announcements: Debbie Barney announced that we will NOT be having a Spring Pontilla.

4/9: Plant Sale 4/12: BOCC hearing on tree ordinance 4/23: Riverhaven GC standard
flower show @ 11874 W. Riverhaven Drive 1-4 p.m. 4/25: Deadline for registration for
District V Spring Meeting hosted by Homosassa GC on May 11 4/29-30: FFGC annual
convention in Tampa

The business meeting was adjourned and members gathered at the old Fire Station for Plant Sale workers instruction.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathi Ayers, Secretary

Financial Statement
March 1 - March 31, 2005

Balance Forward: \$ 2331.24

Income

Plant Sale 110.00

Tip Jar 3.00

Ways and Means 47.00

TOTAL 160.00

Disbursements

Civic & Community 300.00

Jr. Gardeners 20.54

Programs 18.47

TOTAL 339.01

ENDING BALANCE \$ 2152.23