

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

February 9, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Prior to our regular Business Meeting, Our Installation Banquet was held at 12 noon. Members brought potluck dishes for the luncheon. After lunch, Cathi Ayers hosted the Candlelight Installation Ceremony for the Officers-Elect who will take office at the close of the May, 2007 meeting:

- Kathy Davis President
- Christine Harnden 1st Vice President
- Debbie Barney 2nd Vice President
- Kathy Hofmann Treasurer
- Diane Dowthitt Recording Secretary
- Peggy Pattillo Corresponding Secretary
- Jeanne Henson Chaplain

President JoAnn Quackenbush called the February business meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Terry Newberry gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Club Collect. 2nd Vice President Carole DeLisle welcomed all guests and new members.

Carole also thanked the Hostesses; Kathy Hofmann & Carole DeLisle and the Greeters; Terry Newberry, Carol Hart & Patti Barber. The February Birthdays were also acknowledged.

January Meeting minutes were published via email and were also made available on the information table. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hoffman. Total donations by our members for Camp Wekiva came to \$334.00. We will be able to sponsor 4 children this year instead of the usual two. (See attached for report).

Correspondence:

- o A Thank You Card from Beatrice Lanphear who included a check for the Memorial garden in memory of her friend Mildred Stranger.
- o A Memorial Card (Sheila O'Dell) from Thelma & Dave Noble, which included a check in honor of Sheila, to be used on the Memorial Garden reconstruction.
- o A Thank You Card from Bobbie & Norm Schoss for the going away gift presented to them at last month's meeting. Informational note: The Schoss' immediately signed the gift check over to the club as a donation to Camp Wekiva!
- o Kathy Hofmann (for Lloyd O'Dell) thanked the club members for their cards, flowers and support in the event of Sheila's illness and passing.

Officers Reports:

- JoAnn Quackenbush, President:
 - o Jo presented the Sharing Board for viewing, which will be taken to the FFGC Water Celebration to be held on 2/23-24.

- Glissa Voss, who is a member of another Citrus County Garden Club, has invited our members on a bus field trip to the Orlando Home & Garden Flower Show on 3/10. Cost \$24 does not include lunch. The bus will depart from the Fairgrounds at 8:15am. She has offered to come to Inverness to pick up any checks by 2/28. Anyone interested in attending, call Glissa ASAP at 860-0412.
- The FCGC Board meeting was held on 2/2 at the home of Pam Bellman. The minutes were published via email. Some of the highlights...
 - ❖ Over 35 members attended the Memorial for Sheila O'Dell and participated in a flower procession. Her name will be placed in the Memorial Book noting date of birth, date of death and years of membership.
 - ❖ In honoring a deceased member, the board decided that it would be permissible to use seasonal mixed flowers from members' gardens in addition to a long-stemmed rose. Adding guidelines to the Yearbook for future club flower processions was agreed upon.
 - ❖ Standing Committee vacancies and changes were discussed. Board members identified members who had the necessary skills and talents for the various positions and if you are approached to take on a committee, please know that we felt you would be one of the best for the job.
 - ❖ Upon retirement from the Presidency, Jo has volunteered to take the Memorial Gardens Chair, to be one of the Photographers and to continue to serve on the Publishing & Website committees.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Orange Ave Pots & Spots: Donations of potted Louis Philippe roses have been offered by the Friends of the Garden Club. The board has decided not to use the roses in the pots on the sidewalks due to the thorns posing a possible danger to pedestrians. The roses will be used in future plantings in the renovated Library garden.

-Horticulture: Lynn Bassett lead a Q&A period. She presented info on Citrus Canker, regional pests, seed starting, Hibiscus mold, & the Springs Watershed Protection Act.

-Grow & Share: Peggy Pattillo has agreed to take over managing the grow & share table.

-Junior Gardeners: Cathi Ayers read a hand written note from one of the junior gardeners and Camp Wekiva recipient.

-Website: Diane Dowthitt reported on the Board's decision to continue the Website for the next term. She has received several inquiries about our club and membership through the website. The idea of placing the Yearbook on the website as a means to cut publishing costs was discussed and decided against for now, citing privacy concerns and lack of access for members who don't use computers. Since the Front Page changes frequently, a new web page with links to monthly Front Pages will be added to the website. This will show visitors our activities and photos for each month of the club year.

-Legislation & Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reported that the PDRB approved the wording in the amendment from the FC Overlay District to be sent to the County Commissioners. Members were asked to contact the County Commission to voice their support of the FC Overlay.

-Helping Hands: Debbie Barney reviewed for the members the purpose and scope of this committee. The idea is members helping other members who are ill or in need of assistance.

-Ways & Means:

- **Plant Sale:** Anne Propp & Kathy Davis reminded members to begin planting seeds and cuttings now for the Plant Sale in May. Christine Harnden is planting seeds in start pots and is accepting donations of seeds from members.

Special Committees:

-FFCG Water Celebration Extravaganza: Lynn Bassett reported on the meeting she attended at Fanning Springs on 2/7. Lynn modeled the Water Celebration tee shirt and displayed one of the Gift Bags (and contents) that will be given to attendees of the event. Lynn requested any members planning to spend the night of 2/22 at Fanning Springs let Lynn know ASAP.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS –none

AWARDS – Cathy Foley presented the Petal Power Award to JoAnn Quackenbush, for her dedication to the FCGC. She has served for 8 consecutive terms as an officer of the club and is a tireless worker and supporter of our club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Roadside Cleanup will be held on 2/21 at 8:00am.

The business meeting was adjourned.

No Program was held this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

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Financial Statement
January 1 to January 31, 2007

Balance Forward \$ 2354.92

INCOME

Birthday Money	20.97
Camp Wekiva	334.00
Memorial Garden	75.00
Ways & Means	71.41

Total	501.38
Balance	2856.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Ackn. & Programs	234.98
Maint. Mem. Garden	180.00
Junior Gardeners	5.00

Total	419.98
Ending Balance	2436.32

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer