

President JoAnn Quackenbush called the January business meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Terry Newberry gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect. 1st Vice President Bobbie Schoss welcomed all guests.

Bobbie also thanked the Hostesses; Pam Bellman, Peggy Pattillo & Judy Lane and the Greeters; Terry Newberry & Mary Ann Jaksina. The January Birthdays were also acknowledged.

JoAnn Quackenbush presented Bobbie & Norm Schoss with a farewell gift check and thanked them for all their dedicated hard work for the club. The Schoss' are moving out of state.

December Meeting minutes were published via email and were also made available on the information table. Corrections were made to the published minutes by the addition of the names of helpers of Decorating the Town. Those names added were Kathy Hoffman, Debbie Barney, Dave Bellman, Carole Baker and Carole DeLisle. The corrected minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hoffman. (See attached for report).

Correspondence:

- o A Thank You from the Academy of Environmental Sciences for our donation of \$156.00 to their school.
- o A Thank You card from Lynn Bassett for the Life Membership Award presented to her in December.
- o A Thank You note from the Friends of the Garden Club for the Award received in December.
- o Kathy Hofmann gave an update on the emails she has received from Lloyd O'Dell on Sheila's condition.
- o An Invitation from the CRGC to attend a Fashion Show & Luncheon, Hearts & Flowers on 2/14/07 at 1:30pm. Cost &15 pp

Officers Reports:

- JoAnn Quackenbush, President:
 - o Volunteers are needed to create table arrangements for the Installation Banquet in February. Joan Knippen agreed to be Decoration Chairman.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Decorating Committee: Jo Quackenbush for Bobbie Schoss: Pam Bellman, Lynn Bassett, Bernice Rabideau, Sharon Thompson, Bernice Colbath & Jo Quackenbush were thanked for taking down the Christmas decorations.

-Horticulture: Lynn Bassett lead a Q&A period. She also announced the Tampa Spring Expo to be held on Feb 23-24.

-Junior Gardeners: Cathi Ayers reported that after no interest in camp last year, there are four JGs who have expressed interest in attending camp this summer. As the club has only budgeted for two, ideas were discussed as to ways to ensure that all the JGs will be able to attend ... an extra \$350 will be needed. After much discussion, members spontaneously passed the hat. It was decided that the matter would continue for discussion and resolution at the upcoming Board meeting. Bobbie announced that she and Norm were returning their parting gift check to the club as a donation to help with the additional camp scholarships. The collections were tallied ... \$300 was collected at the meeting.

-Publicity: Marcia Beasley has submitted articles & photos to the Chronicle and St. Pete Times on our Yard of the Year Awards.

-Legislation & Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley:

- announced the Citrus County Planning & Development board meeting in which the Floral City Overlay Plan will be discussed. Meeting to be held at the Lecanto Gov Bldg on 1/18 at 9am.
- The Board of County Commissioners will meet on 1/23 where it will be recommended that the FC Fire Station be used temporarily for the Library during the renovation.
- Citrus 20/20 Action Plan review to be held on 1/27 from 9am-4pm at Lecanto Middle School. Reservations must be made by 1/20. website www.citrusvisioncheck.org

-Trees & Arbor Day: Christine Harnden reported that Jan 19 is Florida Arbor Day and the members discussed options to celebrate the day. It was decided to wait until National Arbor Day for future tree plantings.

-Ways & Means: Jo announced that Diane Schwartz has agreed to be Chairman of the committee. A spectacular Garden Cart has been donated to the club by Joyce Rogers, past Mayor of Inverness. Raffle tickets are now being sold for the cart, which will be raffled at the May meeting.

Special Committees

-FFCG Water Celebration Extravaganza: Lynn Bassett reported on the meeting she & Pam Bellman attended at Fanning Springs on 1/10. A final theme was decided on: "Water – A Celebration of Life" (website celebrate-water.com) Citrus County garden clubs will be providing the floral arrangements which will have an ecology theme using common refuse often found discarded in our local waters. A call was made for volunteers to make 2 arrangements.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS -

In December, Terry Newberry announced for the Nominating committee the new slate of Officer nominees:

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| • 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 |

The new slate of Officers was voted on and passed unanimously. Our Installation Banquet (pot luck) will be held on Feb 9 at 12noon, which is our usual meeting date,

NEW BUSINESS –none

AWARDS – Diane Dowthitt presented the Petal Power Award to Cathy Foley for her work on the Butterfly Garden and the Yard of the Year Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The FFGC Convention will be held May 2007 and tickets for the Opportunity Drawing are available for sale from Virginia

The business meeting was adjourned.

Following the business meeting, Fran Thomas presented the program on Earthworms in Aiding the Environment. She brought the materials needed to assemble an earthworm farm and demonstrated how to care and maintain the worm farms.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
December 1 to December 31, 2006

Balance Forward \$ 2416.31

INCOME

Program	71.00
Ways & Means	85.75

Total	156.75
Balance	2573.06

DISBURSEMENTS

Ackn. & Programs	134.02
District dues	18.25
State Dues	45.00
Mulch School Garden	20.87

Total	218.14
Ending Balance	2354.92

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer