

Floral City Garden Club Minutes February 8, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Davis at 12:30PM, the Invocation was given by Jeanne Henson.

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Club Collect after which President Davis welcomed guests of which there were 4 and a new member Cheryl Lamkin-Webster. The president thanked the hostesses: Cathy Foley and Bernice Colbath and greeters: Pat Tillman and Shirley McAllen and announced Birthdays ,

The minutes of the January Meeting were unavailable and will be presented at the March meeting.

Kathy Hofmann gave the Financial report showing a balance of \$,2895.15 after Income of \$82.60 and Disbursements of \$94.15 were added and subtracted from a balance of \$2,906.70.

There was NO correspondence as reported by Peggy Patillo..

President Davis held a special meeting for preserving the Memorial Garden plants and protection of the labyrinth on 1-16. Plants can be dug up after the meeting today or Saturday 2-16-08 and Saturday 2-26-08 and a donation made to the Memorial Garden for those plants. Lynne Bassett listed plants and their location in Memorial Garden to be dug up There was a walk through with the builder on 2-1. There will be a fence put up to protect the labyrinth. The Garden Club has been invited to be a conservator and advise on the landscaping. Marsha Beasley with Jo Quackenbush's help, will chair that committee.

Marcia Beasley gave an overview of the building plans and said The Garden Club has an "opportunity to be a "Steward" of the Floral City Linear Park. It would really be a feather in the cap of the Garden Club to become this "steward" and asked for a show of hands of the members who would like to participate in maintaining the garden, such as weeding and pruning. There will be no mowing for which we have spent over \$3,000.00 according to Kathy Hofmann. Treasurer, nor will there be any watering as an irrigation system is to be put in. The Garden Club will sign an agreement with the City Council to do this "Stewardship". Marsha said the the groundbreaking for the library

Standing Rule?

will be at 2-28-08 at 10 AM. Butch Spiers is the contractor, and is local. A number of members expressed a desire to be on the committee such as Lynne Bassett, Brian Pasby, Judy Lane, Diane Freund, Christine and Michael Harnden, Kathy Hofmann and Kathy Davis.

President Davis announced that The Garden Club is going to tell the other Garden Clubs in our district, of our plans, information and that in turn, the other Garden Club will tell us their plans, information and announcements. The Inverness Garden Club will be having a fashion show at the old courthouse, with wine and cheese and a luncheon for a cost of \$15.00. It is the same day as our next meeting on Friday March 14, 2008. Homosassa Garden Club is having a flower show at the new Library in Homosassa on 4-25 and 26, 2008

Ann Propp talked about the Plant Sale which is the MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE

Club being at "Adventureland" under the large tree this year. Please pot up all plants you plan to bring to the sale, priced if possible, Next month she will pass around a sign up sheet for shifts. Thelma Noble will be head cashier as Kathy Hofmann cannot be at the sale. New cashiers will be on duty.

Cathy Foley, Chairman, talked about the "Secret Garden Tour to be held on October 11 with a rain date of the 12th, 2008. She is asking all members to donate 1 dozen cookies for the lemonade stand and to sell at least 4 tickets at a cost of \$10.00 each.

Debby Barney will be in charge of the Hostesses. Christine Harnden is in charge of Sponsors. Christine reported that the Bagel Shop will donate cups and napkins, Michael has donated some cash, she will work on sponsors next week and would like about 10 sponsors. There will be an antique car exhibit. NO artists will be at the tour this year.

President Davis announced that Duane Finch is the new chairman of the photography Committee. that the Roadside and Beautification & Environmental Concerns Committee is split with Pam Bellman the Chairman of the Roadside & Beautification Committee. She has Rabbit Berries for sale for \$8.50 per bag today and the Chairman of the Environmental Concerns Committee is Debby Barney, with Lynne Bassett, Brian Pasby, Kathy Ayers and Kathy Hofmann on that Committee. Debby Barney read a wonderful letter which will be sent to the individual council members and also as a "Letter to the Editor" at the paper regarding water issues and the lack of a Council Plan for Citrus County water. It will be sent to other organizations like "Too Far", "The Native Plant Society" and other Garden Clubs to use this letter or draft their own letter expressing

water issues to council members. Cathy Ayers is to finalize the letter on the computer and those who wish to sign will be given the opportunity to do so. Committee Heads and Officers will sign initially.

Lynne Bassett, Horticulture Chairman, has lots of information and copies for members on the information table. There were some "Tips" given by Garden Club members to other members for use today.

The Petal Power award was given by Lorna Bassett. to hard worker, Carole Baker and President Davis gave the Garden Angel award to hard worker, Diane Freund.

There was a break and raffle tickets were purchased by those who needed them. Tickets were drawn and members won various prizes.

Debby Barney announced the speaker, Audrey Durr Chairman of the Neighborhood Yards Program from IFAS, University of Florida. She spoke on Integrated Pest Management. Adjourned was at 2:30 PM.

Respectively Submitted - Nancy Mirgon for Diane Dowthitt

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB March 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes

President Kathy Davis called the March business meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Jeanne Henson gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect. New members, Lala Wasson and Mary Thorne were welcomed as well as all guests.

Kathy also thanked the Hostesses Joan Knippen & Marcia Beasley and the Greeters Ginny Andrews & Terry Newberry. The March Birthdays were also acknowledged.

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

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann. Membership dues for the next year are now due. (See attached for report).

Correspondence: none

Officers Reports:

Kathy Davis, President

- 1 FFGC has grant money available from various sources such as FL Wildflower Assn., Grow Well Inc., and FL Wildflower license plates. Kathy encouraged anyone interested in writing a grant for our club to contact her.
- 2 A thank you to member Carol Hart for her efforts at having the wildflower seeds spread along our local highways. The pink phlox are a beautiful sight!
- 3 The City of Inverness has invited interested parties to attend a planning meeting on developing a "Farmer's Market". Oweda Harris volunteered to attend.
- 4 The new Homosassa Library will be holding a Standard Flower Show on 3/25 & 26.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Jr. Gardeners: Cathi Ayers reported that 4 students want to attend Camp Wikiva this year and that we have only budgeted for 2. The cost is \$185 for each student. A donation was taken at the meeting and \$202.47 was collected. The total monies available will be divided among the 4 students with the parents making up any shortfall.

-Memorial Gardens: Kathy Hofmann reported that a workday was held and the plants in the Memorial garden were transplanted, adopted by members or potted up for the plant sale. This was done in preparation of the renovation of the FC Library and Town Center.

-Legislative & Historical: Marcia Beasley read the minutes of the FC Linear Park Plant Planning Committee. (see attached). She suggested to the members that we create a decorated donation bucket to be placed in the FC Library. Any funds collected would be spent on plants for the future Memorial Garden. Marcia also had an article published in the Nature Coast Visitors Guide, Spring 2008, about FCGC's 50th Anniversary.

-Horticulture: Lynn Bassett discussed a grass roots movement to "Help Save Three Sisters Springs". She also reminded members about the hazards of flushing medications into the water system.

-Secret Garden Tour: Cathy Foley presented the SGT map & flyer designed by Jo Quackenbush.

-Annual Plant Sale: Anne Propp discussed the upcoming Plant Sale on 4/5.

- 1 A list of invasive plants was presented. Members were asked not to bring any home - grown invasives to the sale.
- 2 A sign-up sheet was passed around for plant sale workers.
- 3 Volunteers are needed the week before the sale for "prep" work.
- 4 Tools & garden carts will be needed if members have any available to lend.
- 5 Thelma Noble will be handling the finances for the plant sale in Kathy Hofmann's absence.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS -

AWARDS -

- 1 The Petal Power Award presented by Carole Baker to Bernice Colbath for all the volunteer activities she has attended and supported.
- 2 The Angel Award presented by Pres. Kathy Davis to Cathi Ayers for her work with the Junior Gardeners, the Scholarship committee and the Roadside Beautification crew (among many others).

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- 1 Deb Barney announced an upcoming Field Trip to visit the Midway Nursery on 3/21.
- 2 President Kathy Davis will be out of town for the next 2 weeks.

A Grow & Share table was available.

Our monthly Raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Deb Barney introduced Frank Peters & H. D. Bassett who gave a program on Spanish Moss.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
February 1 to February 29, 2008

Balance Forward \$ 2895.15

INCOME

Dues	42.00
Memorial Garden	10.00
Rabbit Berries	132.50
Ways & Means	98.00

Total	282.50
Balance	3177.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Add. Yearbook printing	50.99
Memorial Garden	8.50

Total	59.49
Ending Balance	3118.16

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FCGC file copy.

**Floral City Garden Club's
FLORAL CITY LINEAR PARK
PLANT PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 10 March 2008 Meeting**

The first meeting of the newly appointed Plant Planning Committee for the Floral City Linear Park met at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 10 March 2008 at the home of Chair Marcia Beasley and adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Club members in attendance included Chair and members Lynn Bassett and Brian Pasby. In addition the Floral City Friends of the Library representative, H.D. Bassett and the Floral City Heritage Council representative, Frank Peters were in attendance. Committee members not attending were Michael and Christine Harnden, Diane Freund, Kathy Hofmann, Kathy Davis and Judy Lane.

Frank Peters, designer of the original plan for the Park and Town Center, gave a briefing on the original concept and an update on the status of the Park plans.

The group then launched into a restatement of the **functions of the Park**, that is a listing of how the community envisions the Park being used.

FUNCTIONS included:

1. A Visual beautification of this historic site and entrance to the village/the National Historic District.
2. Information dissemination in the form of Kiosk and signage.
3. Gathering place for individual relaxation, group events and youth activities
Note: gatherings based on the "use criteria" established for county parks. (Use of this park may need to be more restrictive. Recommend getting county's regulations.)
Type of activities suggested included: picnics, Octoberfest, Tai Chi, Chess Tournaments, Farmers' Market, performances in music, theatre, poetry readings.

AMENITIES needed to support these functions were then listed.

1. **Rail fencing**, wooden round-rail, on east, west and north sides of Park and between each of the four buildings up to the walkways.
2. **Arbors**, wooden, over the sidewalks between each building.
3. **Walkways** from parking lot to the front of Park between each building, around the perimeter and east/west in front of buildings and through the middle of the Park, circling each of the large live oak trees.
4. **Signage**: one major sign for the Town Center replicating the Gateway Sign, identification signs on each of the buildings and plant identification signage.
5. **U.S. Flag**, limit to one on total site. Maybe incorporated with Vet Memorial on south side of Town Center Sign.
6. **Kiosk** for historical information.
7. **Seating**, especially in shaded area, eventually circling the three large live oaks in center of Park. **Tables** for picnics, game playing, etc.

7. **Utilities and outlets** for gatherings/activities. This includes electric outlets and water source and possibly a drinking fountain of appropriate design. **Irrigation** for plants and **lighting** for front, back and between all buildings.
8. **Youth amenity**, appropriate interactive, of low structural height. Possibly a large frog sculpture.

TREES, SHRUBS, VINES, PLANTS AND GROUND COVERS

Trees: 3 very large Live Oaks (*Quercus virginiana*) east to west through center of Park.
7 Live Oaks along Orange Avenue on north side of Park

Specimen Trees....for use on east and west ends of the Park and at east and west corners on the north side of each building. To be considered are Dogwood (*Cornus florida* Linnaeus), red bud *Cercis canadensis*, fringe tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*), dahoon holly, dwarf hackleberry (*Gaylussacia dumosa*) or, Sparkleberry also called Farkleberry or Tree Huckleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum* marsh), tea olive, cassia (*Cassia chapmanii*), fringe tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*),

In parking area..... especially at south side: wax myrtle/bayberry (*Myrica cerifera*), Sable palm and Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*), loblolly bay (*Gordonia lasianthus*).

Bushes/Shrubs.....coontie (*Zamia pumila*), (this plant was originally in front of community building), fire bush (*Hamelia patens*), Walters Viburnum (*Viburnum obovatum*),

In parking area.....needle palm, beautyberry (*Callicarpa Americana*), paw-paw (*Asimina*), sweet shrub (*Calycanthus floridus*), coral bean (*Erythrina herbacea*),

Wildflowers.....coreopsis (*Coreopsis galdiata*), Indian blanket (, rain lilies, butterfly weed, annual phlox (*Phlox drummondii*), Lupine (*Lupinus diffuses*), spiderwort (*Tradescantia ohiensis*), tropical sage (*Salvia coccinea*), gaillardia (*Gaillardia pulchella*),

In parking area.....prickereelweed (*Pontederia cordata*), Scarlet milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*), royal fern (*Osmunda regalis*)

Vines.....coral vine (*Antigonon leptopus*), coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*),

GroundcoversSensitive Briar (*Schrankia microphylla*) (Already prevalent along sidewalk at community building.),

THIS IS AS FAR AS WE GOT on plant ideas

FUNDING

As far as we got was to list USDA Plant Ctr, Brooksville and Central FL Palm/Cycad Soc. Will provide a grant up to \$500.

Next meeting will address more plants and investigate funding/donation sources.

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB May 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes

*The Annual Awards Banquet was held before the business meeting.

President Kathy Davis called the May business meeting to order. Jeanne Henson gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect.

Christine Hamden welcomed all guests and new members. Christine also thanked the Hostesses & Greeters: Terry Newberry & Nancy Mirgon. May Birthdays were acknowledged.

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

Scholarship Presentation: Cathi Ayers presented this years scholarship award to 3 recipients: Shivani Parikh, Travis Jackson and Summer Wyllie

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

Correspondence: none.

Officers Reports: Kathy Davis, President

- Kathy and Peggy Patillo attended the District V Meeting "Focus on Education" May 22

Standing Committee Reports:

-**Roadside Beautification:** Pam Bellman announced a roadside cleanup for May 19th.

-**Horticulture:** Lynn Bassett gave a brief report on environmental concerns.

-**Publishing:** Jo Quackenbush requested a volunteer to take over some of her responsibilities.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - Debbie Barney reported on the Garden Tour event held on May 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS - none

AWARDS -

- ❖ The Petal Power Award presented by Anne Propp to Sandy Van Tassell.
- ❖ The Angel Award presented by Pres.Kathy Davis to Anne Propp.
- ❖ Club Awards were given to all members who volunteered through the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - This the end of our Garden Club Year. See you in the fall and have a nice summer.

The business meeting was adjourned.

No program was held.

Respectfully submitted (compiled from notes
taken by others)
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

**FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement**

April 11 to April 30, 2008

Balance Forward \$ 4641.38

INCOME

Dues	452.00
Luncheon	370.00
Memorial Garden	20.00
Memorial Garden Plants	170.00
Plant Sale	163.00
Ways & Means	51.75

Total	1226.75
Balance	5868.13

DISBURSEMENTS

Ack & Programs	64.36
Luncheon Deposit	250.00
Plant Sale	119.00
PO Box Rental	36.00
Ways & Means	11.66

Plant Sale	2107.23
Expenses	549.95
Profit	1557.28

Total	481.02
Ending Balance	5387.11

Mary K. Hofmann, Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB September 12, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Vice President Christine Harnden called the September business meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Jeanne Henson gave the Invocation. The Vice President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect.

Christine welcomed all guests and new members. She also thanked the Hostesses Judy Lane and Cathi Ayers and the Greeters: Ginny Andrews and Madalyn Sabo. The September Birthdays were also acknowledged.

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

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

Correspondence: Peggy Patillo discussed the cost of sending Birthday greetings. After discussion, the membership voted to acknowledge birthdays at monthly meetings and celebrate all birthdays at the January meeting in lieu of sending cards.

- ❖ Thank You card was received from the Glover family for donations given to the Memorial Garden.
- ❖ Thank You cards were received from all 3 Scholarship recipients.

Officers Reports:

Kathy Davis, President was absent. Vice President Christine Harnden gave the report.

- New Yearbook inserts were distributed to members. Thanks to Patsy Neel for all the hard work on preparing the inserts.
- Christine discussed the idea of changing the name of the Memorial Garden to the Marie Jones Memorial Garden as a means to honor her (a long time club member) after her recent passing. It was determined that it is not possible to change the name from the official name of Floral City Memorial Garden which is under the direction of the Citrus County Parks & Recreation. It was then decided to plant a tree in her memory.
- New Yearbook inserts were distributed to members. Patsy Neel did all the hard work on this very important resource.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Legislation & Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reported the recent unfortunate event of the removal of an historic oak tree on the Avenue of Oaks (Orange Ave). A replacement tree will be replanted. A linear park is also to be created by the county. It will extend from the trail on Orange Ave to the Duval Island boat ramp.

-Memorial Gardens: Marcia Beasley gave the membership an update of the new Library building program including the Memorial Garden. Marcia identified 6 active members who were members in 1993 when the garden was first created.

-Junior Gardeners: Cathi Ayers reported on this popular group, which meets on the 3rd Wed of each month. Volunteers always needed and appreciated!

-Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns: Pam Bellman announced that a cleanup day is being planned for November. Watch for date in upcoming email.

-Secret Garden Tour: 2nd Vice President, Deb Barney, reported on the progress being made. Sign up sheets for hostesses and cookie bakers were passed around. Deb thanked Committee Chair Sheila Finch and all the members for their hard work. Lona Bassett, in charge of publicity, announced that the Chronicle newspaper has donated printed posters in exchange for advertised sponsorship. Posters were available for members to post and distribute.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS – Marcia Beasley proposed hosting a Christmas Luncheon for the residents of the E-Nini-Hassee girl's camp instead of our annual celebration. A vote was taken and enthusiastically passed. A collection was started to buy gifts for the girls. It was also suggested that we start collecting sample soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc. for the girls.

AWARDS –The Petal Power Award was presented by Sandra Van Tassel to Lona Bassett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- The Annual Awards Banquet to be held in May at the Inverness Golf & Country Club. Cost \$12.
- Open Positions needing filled: Nominating Chair and Chaplain. Sandy Van Tassel volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee.
- Bags of rabbit berries for fertilizer still available. Contact Anne Propp.
- Applications were available for the County Extension Newsletter.
- 2 Hostesses are needed for next month. Lola Watson & Lona Bassett volunteered.

A Grow & Share table was hosted by Peggy Patillo.

Our monthly Raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

No program was held.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
May 1 to May 31, 2008

Balance Forward \$ 5387.11

INCOME

Donation	200.00
Dues	90.00
Luncheon	70.00
Memorial Garden	20.00
Memorial Garden Plants	58.44
Plant Sale	28.50

Total 466.94
Balance 5854.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Ack & Programs	106.39
District & State meetings	45.00
Jr. Gardeners	58.44
Luncheon	250.00
Scholarships	1,500.00
State Dues	588.00

Total 2547.83
Ending Balance 3306.22

Mary K. Hofmann, Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 1, 2008 to August 31, 2008

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Balance Forward \$3306.22

Income	June	July	August
Dues		16.00	14.00
Memorial Garden		130.00	
Secret Garden		24.00	
Ways & Means		6.50	
		<u>Total 190.50</u>	
		Balance 3496.72	

Disbursements	June	July	August
Bldg. Rental	238.50		
Division of Plant Ind.			25.00
Gardens Maint.			26.20
Plant Sale	11.11	21.30	
Postage	8.99		
Programs	100.00	49.40	
Yearbook Printing & supplies			364.65
Secret Garden Plants		8.80	
		<u>Total 853.95</u>	
		Ending Balance 2642.77	

Mary K. Hofmann , Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB **October 08, 2008** **Meeting Minutes**

President Kathy Davis called the October business meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Jeanne Henson gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect.

Kathy welcomed all guests and new members. She also thanked the Hostesses: Lola Hasson & Lona Bassett, and the Greeters: Cathy Foley & Shirley McAllen. The October Birthdays were also acknowledged.

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

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

Correspondence: A Thank You card was sent to the new Cycle Shop for the Rose Garden mural.

Officers Reports: Kathy Davis, President

- Recommended adding 2 more monthly hostesses to better share the cost and work of preparing food for our growing club. Members not assigned for this year were asked to volunteer.
- Kathy Davis & Nancy Mirgon will attend the Fall Dist V meeting in Ocala next month.
- Eco friendly drink cups will be provided at the monthly meetings.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Community Gardens: Judy Lane thanked all those who helped clean up the corner garden (Hwy 44 & Orange Ave). Duane & Sheila Finch replaced some plants in the Rose Garden that had died.

-Memorial Garden: Jo Quackenbush is unable to continue as co-chair with Kathy Hofmann. Marcia Beasley has agreed to be co-chair.

-Junior Gardeners: Cathi Ayers announced that 7 students have enrolled and that there was good response from the members for volunteers to help.

-Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns: Pam Bellman announced that a cleanup day is being planned for November. Watch for date in upcoming email.

-Secret Garden Tour: Badges for Hostesses were distributed. The members responded with a large collection of home baked cookies for the Tour. Great newspaper coverage by the Chronicle has been published.

-Decorating Committee: Decorate the Town was rescheduled for Dec 2nd @ 9am.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS – Toiletry items for E-Nini-Hassee girl's camp were collected for the Christmas celebration. Christine Harnden reported on the new security rules for the camp. It was decided that members would try to car pool due to limited parking available.

NEW BUSINESS – none.

AWARDS –

- ❖ The Petal Power Award was presented by Lona Bassett to Duane Finch.
- ❖ The Angel Award was presented by Kathy Davis to Patsy Neel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- The Annual Plant Sale will be held on April 18.
- Inverness Women's Club will hold an Artisan's Boutique on Oct 17.
- A "Country Store" will be open in the Library Building during the SGT. Garden Club items will be available for sale.
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A Grow & Share table was hosted by Peggy Patillo & Oweda Harris.

Our monthly Raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Program: Tour of FCGC's local community gardens and Amanda Mullin's yard.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
September 1 to September 30, 2008

Balance Forward \$ 2642.77

INCOME

Donation	50.00
Dues	30.00
Ways & Means	75.00

Total	155.00
Balance	2797.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Ack & Programs	207.37
Dues	47.00
Gardens	48.00
Secret Garden	116.60
Ways & Means	26.28

Total	445.25
Ending Balance	2352.52

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

Floral City Garden Club December 2008

In lieu of a monthly meeting the club members held the Christmas gathering with and for the girls at Camp E Nini Hassee. Members donated money for gifts as well as items that would be useful to the girls. 1st Vice President Christine Harden and 2nd Vice President Debbie Barney shopped and made the arrangements with the Camp leadership.

Christine and Debbie served as greeters for the day. Nancy Mirgon, Bea Rabideau and Lynn Bassett were hostesses arriving early to set up the pot-luck luncheon. Each of the tables were decorated with a truly beautiful floral arrangement using pine cones, and sprayed and sparkled magnolia leaves. These were done by Diane Freund, Cathy Foley, Betty Ayers, Judy Lane and Carole DeLisle.

Thankyou to all of you who worked to make it a good time for the club members as well as the girls.

The camp leadership treated us to an in-depth tour of the camp. And we all had an opportunity to sit with the girls at lunch and interact with them. Many had stories that were shocking and saddening. But all said they were learning how to make better decisions/choices. There was a sense of family there that many of them had never experienced in their past. I enjoyed the time very much. Before meals the girls sing "Amazing Grace" to the tune of their choice. I was amused to hear it sung to the tune of "Gilligans Island"! After lunch we sang Christmas carols. The girls were sweet and grateful for the party and gifts.

So my friends we have finished 2008 well.

Your President,

Kathy Davis

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
November 1 to November 30, 2008

Balance Forward \$ 3776.37

INCOME

Bluebird program	42.00
Donations	100.00
Dues	28.00
Tip jar	24.00
Ways & Means	42.75

Total	236.75
Balance	4013.12

DISBURSEMENTS

Jr. Gardeners	24.41
Program refreshments	54.37
Ways & Means	10.00

Total	88.78
Ending Balance	3924.34

E Nini Hassee Total 381.00

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

