

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB MINUTES  
FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2016

Social time was from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by president Lona Bassett at 12:30 p.m. There were 23 members present.

Alice Webb read the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and Club Collect followed.

There were four guest Patti Kowalski, Billieann Durrett, Paul Anderson and JoAnne Sherborne.

The informative program was presented by Dr. Gary Thomas who brought many of his orchids for display. He spoke on the care of orchids as well as giving a handout that showed the care, fertilizing and repotting of orchids. After his presentation he took questions from the floor.

The business meeting was called to order by president Lona Bassett at 1:30 p.m. after a brief break and door prize drawings.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Correspondence: MaryLou Eaton left a message from the club at the funeral home where Bernice Colburth's service was performed.

It was announced that we had two new members join on January 8, 2016, Barbara Ramsey and Don Osteen.

Donna Thomas gave a breakdown of our expenses along with the news that the rent for the meeting room is being raised from \$25.80 a month to \$50.00 plus tax as of next year. Donna made the recommendation that the dues be raised to \$25.00 for an individual and \$27.00 for a couple. That figure is \$13.00 to the club and \$12.00 to Federation. Susie Metcalfe made a motion that we raise the dues next year to \$25.00 per individual and \$27.00 per couple. Mary Lou Eaton seconded the motion. Lona called for a vote and it passed. The increase will go into effect with the May dues.

A bag was passed around for donations toward the purchase of soil for plants for the plant sale.

Kathy Lingusky, plant sale chairman, reported that she is receiving 3 ten gallon palms donated by Brockville Palms. She has also obtained wholesale prices from a few wholesale nurseries. She is ordering some native plants from the Native Plant Society at a discounted member price. If Diane Little's membership has expired with the Native Plant Society, Kathy will join to obtain the membership price. She will be reimbursed by the club for the cost of membership.

Kathy has also knitted a beautiful shawl to be donated to the plant sale as the raffle item. Tickets will be \$2.00 for one or 3 for \$5.00.

Mary Lou Eaton reminded everyone of the Floral Design work shop that is being held on February 24th from 1 to 3 at the Floral City Library. Registration is required. The class will be limited to 25 people. There is no charge for the class. Registration is at the library.

Lona again announced that there are still open positions that need to be filled.

There was a Ways and Means meeting prior to the general meeting. Things discussed were fund raisers such as a luncheon, fashion show, yarn bombing, no ball at all, and sponsorship ads in the yearbook. Bill Ferguson mentioned the Wreaths Across America fundraiser. He will get the information to Lona.

Starting next meeting, March, our social time will be a potluck lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is to bring a dish to share. This will be for club members and their guests only - not open to the public. The Chronicle ad will state the program which is open to the public will starts at 12:30 p.m. There will be no mention of the lunch in the ad.

Marsha Beasley made a motion that the Floral City Garden Club pay \$475.00 and not to exceed \$500.00 for a Blue Star Plaque that will be installed in the Linear Garden. Mary Lou Eaton 2nd the motion and the vote was called and passed.

Landscape Design - It was reported that the Butterfly Garden was moving along. Wild flowers have been ordered and there will be a planting session for them. It was announced that people are now using the Garden as a backdrop for pictures.

Yard of the Year Award is coming up and members are asked to submit to the Landscape Design Committee any yard they feel should be considered.

The Strawberry Festival is coming up and in the past the FCGC has participated in it.

Junior Gardeners will meet Wednesday, February 17 at 1:45 at the Floral City Elementary School to start building a garden.

Horticulture - Suzie Metcalfe emailed information regarding things to do in your garden at this time of year.

The members were reminded that Roadside Clean-Up will be March 1 at 9 a.m. meeting at the Duval Island boat launch parking area. Rain date is March 2.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.