

Floral City Garden Club
Regular Club Meeting 4/14/2017
Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Club President, Lona Bassett.

Pledge of Allegiance and Club Collect were recited by members.

Previous to calling the meeting to order a program was presented by Trina and Doug Welin concerning butterflies and their growth and habitat.

Thirteen members and seven guests (including program presenters) were present. Guests present were: Debbie Conrad, Ingrid Velez, Jo-Anne Sherburne, Joan Poe, and Duanne C. Laughlin. Trina and Doug Welin were attending to present a program on Butterflies and their growth and habitats.

Birthday wishes were read.

Thank you to hostess Susie Metcalfe.

A gift was presented to Joan Knippen as a thank you for hostessing the tea held by The Club in January.

Thank you's were said for all the member's help with the Annual Plant Sale.

Minutes of the previous Club meeting were accepted by the President with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report was ready by Treasurer Donna Thomas.

May Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 19, at the Inverness Country Club at 12:00 noon. Last day to be able to sign up to attend will be May 12.

Yarn Bombing: At this point, the Yarn Bombing event is finished. The blankets were taken off the trees, taken apart, washed, and put together again by member Carol Kanka. They were then presented to the Floral City VFW #7122 on Thursday, April 6, who will now present them to the Malcolm Randall Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Gainesville.

Plant Sale: The Club netted \$1,654.85 from the Annual Plant Sale.

Scholarships: Scheduled scholarships have been paid, and 2 recipients have made their reservations at Camp Wekiva.

Keep Citrus County Beautiful: The Club has received \$469.63 from the Keep Citrus County Beautiful Grant Fund. The money will be used mostly at Color Country, for plants to go into the Memorial Garden and the Butterfly Garden.

Bows: The now-defunct Merchant's Association has some bows that The Club can use at Christmas to decorate the trees on Orange Avenue.

A discussion was held on the subject of fracking, and it was decided by member vote that Susie Metcalfe would send a letter to our representatives on behalf of The Club, expressing our concerns about it, and encouraging them to vote for legislation banning it.

The next Board Meeting will be May 1, at 1:30 pm.

The next Roadside Clean-up will be Wednesday, April 19, 9:00 am. Meet at Duval Island parking lot.

FFGC State Convention will be April 26-28, in Orlando, FL.

District V meeting will be May 3 with Pioneer Garden Club, Ocala, at Silver Springs State Park.

Blue Star Marker Dedication: April 15 at the Florida National Cemetery, sponsored by District V and District VII.

Minnie Minnis has passed away, and will be interred at the Florida National Cemetery on Wednesday, April 19, at 2:30 pm.

Kathy Lingusky brought rooted begonia leaves to share with the club.

A pair of white gloves was left at Joan Knippen's house after the tea in January. Lona will send out an email to find the owner.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Submitted by Kathy Lingusky, Acting Secretary