

March 11, 2016 Floral City Garden Club Meeting

Pot Luck social hour was from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Lona Bassett. There were 20 members present and no visitors.

Alice Webb read the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Club Collect was then lead by our club President.

Sandi VanTassel introduced our guest speaker Debe Johns who brought many plants and herbs and explained how many are edible. Purchases were made by many members.

When the program was finished there was a break along with drawings for door prizes.

Birthday wishes were announced.

Thanks to Anne Propp and Bea Rabideau for being this month's hostess.

Thank you to Betty Welte and Carole DeLisle for being greeters.

Minutes from the last meeting had been sent via e-mail and Lona asked for additions or corrections. There were none and the minutes stand as recorded.

Donna Thomas, Treasurer was out of town and in her absence Lona went over the budget and it was approved.

Mary Lou Eaton reported that the only correspondence was a get well card to Lynn Bassett along with a plant from the floral design workshop and a thank you note back from Lynn.

Kathy Lingusky reported that things were coming together for the plant sale. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers the day before the sale and the day of the sale. There will also be a presale April 2 from 10 to 1 and April 6 from 1 to 4.

Lona gave a thank you to Marcia Beasley, Donna Thomas and Mary Lou Eaton for the wonderful time and work they put into the Floral Design Day that was in conjunction with the Floral City Library. Marcia read the remarks from the attendees and they were all very positive and complimentary.

Ann Propp reported on our May luncheon options. It was decided to return to the Inverness Country Club for our annual spring luncheon. The cost will be \$17 to \$18 per person and will include the main course, drinks and dessert. A show of hands indicated that a deposit should be put up to hold the facility. The club will pay the \$250.00 deposit to hold the facility for our luncheon on May 13, 2016.

Lona explained that all members can go to the Florida Federated Garden Club website and update there information as a member of the Floral City Garden Club. Anyone who doesn't

have a computer can speak with Donna Thomas and she will see that their information is updated.

Lona was contacted about getting a group together from each of the seven local garden clubs and meet and greet at the Grumble House in Dunnellon on November 1, 2016. We could visit the nursery, listen to a speaker and enjoy lunch at the cafe. This will be revisited closer to the time.

Marcia Beasley reported that she has been in contact with the National Garden Club Blue Star Marker chairman and the marker for Floral City has been signed off on and should be available for Flag Day 2016. Marcia has also been in contact with the BOCC along with the person who handles the Linear Park to discuss the installation of the Marker on Flag Day.

Marcia also reported that the Floral City Heritage Council had an identification marker installed at the black cemetery on 41.

Also on April 3, 2016 at 3 p.m. a state marker will be installed at the corner of Orange Avenue and Aroostook.

Mary Lou Eaton reported that new plants were coming and being planted at the Butterfly Garden. Also the Junior Gardner program is underway and the Floral City Elementary School garden now has plants. The junior gardeners are very excited about the program.

Horticulture report was sent via e-mail by Susie Metcalfe.

Marcia Beasley explained the floral design she had made for the meeting: a triangle design made of fresh sansevieria and devils back bone and dried bird of paradise.

Next roadside cleanup is Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 9 a.m. Duval Island Parking Lot.

Next BOD meeting Monday March 28, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Lona Bassett.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.