

FCGC Monthly Meeting Minutes 9/22/2017

The meeting was called to order 12:00 noon by President Donna Thomas. Twelve members and four guests were in attendance.

Donna thanked our hostess, Lona Bassett and greeter, Ginny Bruce.

Recording Secretary Kathy Lingusky asked if there were any changes to the minutes for the monthly meeting from May 2017. There were no changes, and minutes were accepted and will be filed as is.

The membership sang Happy Birthday to all the people that had birthdays during the summer break.

Kathy Lingusky read a report on blue porterweed, the plant to be raffled off later in the meeting. She also passed around a calendar for the months of October, November and December, to give members an opportunity to help water plants at the greenhouse at the Florida Artists' Gallery.

Beth Jensen gave the Treasurer's report.

A discussion was held concerning the Annual Plant Sale, and raising money to benefit The Club. A decision was to be made whether to have two fundraisers, or just concentrate on trying to get more volume and more items for the Plant Sale. A motion was made by Marcia Beasley to just have one fundraiser, the Annual Plant Sale, and to spend our time and effort on making it a really good one. Beth Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

Business meeting ended.

Sandy VanTassel announced a need for two people to take the places of members who are unable to fulfill their position in the 'Blessings in a Backpack' program.

Bill Ferguson gave a talk about air potato plants and beetles that have been imported to help control them.

Marcia Beasley gave a presentation about the Memorial Garden in preparation for the walking tour of the gardens.

Walking tour of the Memorial Garden and Butterfly Garden: Bill Ferguson gave a talk

about the plants in the Memorial Garden, what has been added, and maintenance that

he's done since assuming chairmanship of the committee in March.

The group then walked to the Butterfly Garden, located behind the Bicycle Shop on Orange Avenue. Lona Bassett gave a talk about the history of the two gardens (one beside the Withlacoochee Bicycle Trail and the one behind the Bicycle Shop), and plants in both locations.

Returning to the Community Center, Bill Ferguson drew a name to win the blue porterweed plant. Guest Janet Reed's name was called.

Announcements:

1. Next meeting is October 13, 2017. The program will be 'Garden Art and Other Plant Sale Ideas'. The hands-on project will be Ladybugs in the Garden.
 2. There will be a Roadside Cleanup on September 25, 9:00 am. Meet at the Duval Island boat ramp and parking lot. Please advise Susie Metcalfe by email if you are able to participate.
 3. Next Board Meeting will be Monday, October 9, 10:00 am at Susie's house, unless otherwise notified.
 4. UF/IFAS Hernando County will be holding a native plant sale on Saturdays and Wednesdays through September 30 from 9:00 to noon. The sale will be held at the Master Gardeners' nursery at 19490 Oliver St., Brooksville.
 5. Ginny Bruce gave out some information from FEMA concerning help for citizens, if needed, after Hurricane Irma.
- Meeting adjourned 1:40 pm
Flex Time activity following meeting was making seed balls.

Submitted by Kathy Lingusky, Recording Secretary

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