

FCGC Monthly Minutes

11/5/2019

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by President Susie Metcalfe. Nineteen members and thirteen guests were in attendance.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carol Wood then introduced our speaker, Deb Pedone, with Paff Tree Service, who spoke about the Avenue of the Oaks tree replacement program.

At 12:50, a short break was taken. Business meeting resumed at 12:58.

Susie thanked the setup/cleanup crew, Greeter Ralph Johnson, and Hostesses Jane Stewart and Carol Wood.

November birthdays were acknowledged: Susie Metcalfe, Donna Thomas, Gary Thomas, and Kelley Wood.

September and October minutes were brought before membership. No corrections or changes were noted, and so will be filed as is.

The October Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Mary Graff. No corrections or changes were noted, and so will be filed as is.

Carol Wood reported on the upcoming field trip to Sunken Gardens in St. Pete. Most members will be meeting at the Community Center at 9:30 am on November 19 to arrange carpooling. The Brooksville members will be carpooling directly from their locations. A discussion was held on where to have lunch before going to the Gardens. A short discussion was held on possibilities for the next field trip, probably to be held in January. Carol will research going to Everlast Orchids and then Rita's Carr Creek Nursery.

In the absence of Corresponding Secretary, Sandy Van Tassel, Susie read several notes received by the Club over the last month, including a thank you note from a recipient of the Camp Wekiva scholarship this past summer.

Susie explained the award applications that she is making to the Federation on behalf of the Club. Susie also discussed committee opportunities, and thanked Kelley Wood for taking over the Memorial Book. In addition, Susie talked about the opportunities concerning conventions upcoming in April: the Deep South Region Convention, and Florida Federation Convention will be held on subsequent dates during the same week at the same location in Tampa.

Susie announced that L.C. Blass will be the new full time person in the office at the Florida Federation headquarters. She will be in the office during normal business hours from now on.

A Christmas luncheon sign-up sheet for the pot luck was passed around. A Christmas ornament gift exchange will be held.

Susie announced that the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County passed a resolution supporting the use of Florida native wildflowers on public property.

Jane Stewart gave a report on the plant sale.

Kathy Lingusky gave a short talk on epiphytic orchids, and then 4 plants and 2 books were raffled off.

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Announcements:

- Memorial Garden Work Day, Thursday, November 14, 8:00 am
- Field trip to Sunken Gardens, Thursday, November 19, meet at Community Center parking lot at 9:30 am for carpooling.
- Blessings, B Group, Thursday, November 21, 9:00 am, Methodist Church
- Awards deadline, mail by November 21 for November 26 arrival.
- Decorate the Town, Tuesday, December 3, 9:00 am, Community Center. Rain date December 4. Please let Sandy Van Tassel know if you are going to be able to make it.
- Roadside cleanup, Wednesday, December 4, 9:00 am, Duval Island parking lot. Rain date Thursday, December 5. Please let Susie Metcalfe know if you are going to be able to attend.
- Blessings, A Group, Thursday, December 5, 9:00 am, Methodist Church
- Award Judging, Thursday, December 5, 8:30 am, Winter Park
- Board meeting, Monday, December 9, 10:00 am at **the Museum** (change in location)
- FC Garden Club meeting, Friday, December 13, 11:00 am, Christmas luncheon.

Submitted by Kathy Lingusky, Recording Secretary