

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Members Meeting Minutes
Community Center, Wellington, FL
November 7, 2016

- I. **Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM** – Kathy Siena
 - A. Welcome to members and guests
 - B. Reflection “Be Thankful” suggested by a member.
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
 - D. Thank you to all Hospitality committee and members who brought breakfast items
- II. **Club Business- Officers Reports:**
 - A. Minutes – Kathy for Maria Wolfe
Reading of the September 6, 2016 meeting minutes is waived. Copy is available at EC table. Emailed to members and on website. No additions or corrections. Minutes will be filed.
 - B. Reading of the October 2016 Treasurer’s Report and November 2016 P&L is waived. Emailed to members and available on the website. Copy available at EC table.
 - C. Kathy recognized two new Executive committee members: Francine Strauss -2nd VP, Maria Wolfe – Recording Secretary
 - D. The new Board of Directors selected two Members-At-Large. General members volunteered, names were submitted and voted on by BOD. New members at Large approved are Jan Seagrave and Mary Kastner.
 - E. Wellington Green Mall Teaching Workshop was held on October 19, 2016. Chaired by Carol Coleman and Tom Wenham. Significant input supplying and constructing a hydroponic tower from Tim Hadsell. Janet Stein assisted as well. Tim asked for more member involvement for next year to host the display and answer questions from the community. The Wellington Green Mall is having an event every month in an effort to increase attendance at the mall.
 - F. Corresponding Secretary Bobbi Ziegler read the following thank you notes:
 - 1. Jim Wenham – WGC donation to Lymphoma & Leukemia Society given in memory of Bonnie Wenham.
 - 2. Natural Disaster Fund donation
 - 3. SEEK Team donation
 - 4. Wynnebrook Elementary School – from a grateful teacher involved in the Jr Garden Club
- III. **Club Business -Committee Chair Reports:** (See attachments)
 - A. **Membership-** Doreen Baxter
 - 1. See attachment
 - 2. 142 Current members
 - B. **Habitat for Humanity** – Deb Russell for Lisa Ferrano
 - C. **External Events Liaison-** Twig Morris
 - 1. Horticulture Shows, Tropical Short Course
 - 2. National Garden Club offers schools for member education that can be reimbursed by the Wellington Garden Club. Class attendance encouraged.
 - 3. Blue Star Memorial Dedication – November 18 at noon at the South Florida National Cemetery on 441. Please attend.

- D. **Junior Garden Clubs** – Twig Morris
1. Binks Forest Elementary needs volunteers to help in their butterfly garden on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 3:00. Contact Twig Morris to sign up.
 2. Wynnebrook Elementary needs help in crafts with the children.
 3. Time Hadsell gave an announcement about Wynnebrook.
- E. **Awards** – Kathy Siena
1. Deep South Region Award #11iv – Horticulture – First Place Certificate of Achievement to Wellington Garden Club. Kathy recognized Carol Coleman for completing the 4-page application.
- F. **Website** – Kathy Siena
1. The new website is up and running. New website address is: wellingtongardenclub.org. All members are encouraged to log in and visit the member's only area as well as consult the website for resource information. Forward any pictures or questions to: ksiena2000@gmail.com
- G. **Yearbooks** – Fred Gerkin, Editor
1. Yearbook distribution at meeting to all existing members. Fred thanked the committee proofreaders Stormi, Twig & Kathy. Kathy also thanked the committee and especially Fred Gerkin –Editor, Mary Ann Hesser – Labels and Distribution, Paige Griffin – Yearbook Cover Photo Winner.
- H. **Around & About**–Kimberly Helms
1. US Sugar Tour in Clewiston will be held on December 13. Sign up is required. Please contact Kimberly Helms.
 2. Gene Joyner's Unbelievable Acres on January 23rd. There is a cost of \$10.00. Please see Kimberly Helms to sign up.
- I. **Caps of Love** – Kimberly Helms
1. Bring all your plastic caps to each meeting. They will be used by the Royal Palm School to help students with disabilities.
- J. **Holiday Luncheon** – Mary Drexler
- Reserve your spot on Monday, December 5 at Myacoo Lakes Country Club by sending a check for \$30.00 to Mary Ann Greely. Entrée choices announced. Western attire is encouraged. Please bring an unwrapped toy to support the Literacy Coalition in Belle Glade.
- K. **Horticultural Moment** – Larry Grosser
- A fascinating presentation was given by Larry about local flora and fauna and other related Palm Beach facts.

IV. Former Business: None

V. New Business: None

1. Meeting was adjourned at 11:41am

Maria Wolfe, Recording Secretary

*Copies of attachments referenced in these minutes may be obtained by contacting Maria Wolfe Recording Secretary, at tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com