

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Meeting Minutes
Community Center, Wellington, FL
February 6, 2017

- I. **Meeting called to order at 10:27 AM** – Kathy Siena
 - A. Welcome to members and guests
 - B. Reflection “Change is Nature Evolving” given by Debbie Kaplan ”
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance

- II. **Club Business- Officers Reports:**
 - A. Minutes – Kathy for Maria Wolfe
General Members’ meeting minutes of January 3, 2017 emailed and reading is waived.
 - B. Reading of the February 1, 2017 Treasurer’s Report and June 2016-January 2017 P&L Budget vs. Actual is waived. Emailed to members and available on the website.
 - C. **President**
 - 1 Thank you to Hospitality committee and members.
 - 2 Wellington Garden Week Proclamation will be held on February 14, 2017 at the Village Council Hall at 7:00pm. Members are encouraged to attend. Twig Morris organized.
 - 3 FFGC Convention is on April 26-28 in Orlando. All are encouraged to attend.
 - 4 FFGC President’s Special Project 50/50 Raffle Tickets for sale @ \$2.00 each
 - 5 Penny Pines donation jug is being passed around. Monies collected are used to reforest the Osceola National Forest where acres have been destroyed due to forest fires.
 - 6 Nominating committee has been formed to proctor the elections of WGC Officers for 2017 – 2019. The committee is composed of Jan Seagrave (Chair), Bobbi Ziegler, Doreen Baxter, and Caren Griffin. Elections will be held at the General Members meeting on April 3, 2017.
 - 7 Member Education Reimbursement is available for WGC members who take classes or attend educational events that are garden related. The form is available at the WGC website: wellingtongardenclub.org
 - D. **Corresponding Secretary**
 - 1. Thank you note from the family of Suzanne Rares
 - 2. Thank you note from the FFGC chairman thanking WGC for the donation to the Deep South-Louisiana project.

- III. **Club Business -Committee Chair Reports:** (See attachments)
 - A. **Membership-** Doreen Baxter
 - 1. See attachment
 - 2. 145 Current members
 - 3. Guests were announced
 - 4. New member announced and gift of succulent given to them.
 - B. **Community Gardens** - John Siena

1. With the help of Deb Russell, Lisa Ferrano, and Kathy & John Siena young children at the Boys and Girls Club are learning how to garden in land behind the B&GC building.
- C. **College Scholarships – John Siena,**
1. John along with his committee made up of Dale Hesser and Mary Kastner have Prepared the scholarship applications for identified individuals to receive scholarships from WGC. Information and an interactive application are available on the website. The scholarship winners will be recognized at the May 1 luncheon.
- D. **Earth Day Celebration–Kathy Siena**
1. Date change to Saturday, April 22, from 4:00 – 7:00 at the Wellington Amphitheater
- E. **Youth Garden - Lisa Ferrano**
1. Palm Beach Central High School - Vegetable garden has 4 beds. More plants and seeds will be planted in January when the students return from winter break.
- F. **Million Orchid Project – Lisa Ferrano**
1. Wellington Preserve will allow WGC members and PBCHS students to place orchids in the trees that have been grown at Pine Jog. The village of Wellington will provide the funds necessary to grow 1,000 orchids (\$2.00 each). 5K run at Pine Jog on February 4th at 7:30am to benefit the orchids. More info to follow.
- G. **Around & About–Deb Russell**
1. February 21 is Wakodahatchee Wetlands. Meet at the carpool locations at 9:15am. Lunch immediately following is optional.
- H. **Plants Galore & More - Joan Kaplan**
1. Sunday, March 12th from 11:00am – 5:00pm
 2. Event includes free seminars, raffle prizes, and activities for children, Ask The Experts, Floral Arrangement classes and more.
 3. Raffle items are needed. Jan Seagrave is coordinating the raffle.
 4. Help is needed from everyone
- I. **Plants Galore & More Plant Sale – Stormi Bivin & Beth Stewart**
1. Sign up to help at the morning and/or afternoon session, set-up or breakdown.
 2. Member grown plants are needed. Pot them up now. Please provide a tag with some basic plant information. Tags are available today and at the next meeting. Pots can be provided as well.
- J. **Junior Garden Clubs – Twig Morris**
1. Binks Forest Elementary (3rd, 4th, 5th graders) needs volunteers to help in their butterfly garden *every other Tuesday* from 2:00 – 3:00. Contact Twig Morris to sign up.
 2. Wynnebrook Elementary (4th & 5th graders) needs help in crafts, cooking in Elks kitchen and gardening every Wednesday from 3:00 -4:00. Contact Janet Stein for more details.
- K. **Environmental – Diane Rice**
1. Saturday, February 11th at the Loxahatchee Wildlife Preserve on 441 (beside Bedner's) from 8:00am – 4:00pm will present Everglades Day to promote an awareness and understanding of the importance of this fragile Everglades ecosystem. Free
- L. **Wekiva Youth Camp – Harriet Samuels**
1. 6 applications have been submitted and there is 1 space remaining.

M. **May Luncheon** – Mary Drexler

1. Monday, May 1, at the Wellington National Golf Club (formerly Binks) Cost is \$30.00 per person.
2. Volunteers are needed for the luncheon committee.

N. **Horticultural Moment** – Chris Tiner

1. She shared the history and information on avocados and gave samples of Chocolate Avocado Ice Cream to each attendee.

IV. **Unfinished Business: None**

V. **New Business: None**

VI. **Program Speaker** – Susan Lerner, President of the Native Plant Society

VII. **Plant Raffle Tickets** reminder and **Name Tag Raffle** Winner was A Laura Allen

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm

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