

Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2017
Wellington Community Center

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Siena at 8:59am. Officers in attendance: Kathy Siena, Carol Coleman, Bobbi Ziegler, Maria Wolfe, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Stormi Bivin, Silvia Evans, Francine Strauss and Twig Morris.

Committee Chairs in Attendance: Doreen Baxter, Mary Drexler, Lisa Ferrano, Kathy HERNICZ, Joan Kaplan, Jayne Kiesewetter, Twig Morris, Dee Rolfe, Deb Russell, Harriet Samuels, Diana Thompson.

Absent: Evvy Bartley, Uma Bhatti, Rehana Potter, Bernice Corraera, Linda DeSanti, Claire Falik, Denise Friedlander, Fred Gerkin, Mary Ann Hesser, Laurie Hristov, Carol Lazzarino, Phil Macnak, Diane Rice, Betty Naulty, John Siena, Beth Stewart, and Jim Thompson.

Members at Large in attendance: Jan Seagrave

There is a quorum in attendance for this meeting: 20

- I. Kathy welcomed all, established the quorum, and reminded all to silence cell phones.
 - A. November 29, 2016 Board of Directors' meeting minutes were emailed to all board members and copies are available. She asked if there were any addition or corrections. None noted.
 - B. November 1, 2017 BOD minutes: Twig Morris referred to 2a regarding the Conflict of Interest Statement. It was clarified that the Standing Rules will be amended to reflect that all WGC members are aware of the Statement as provided by the Treasurer at the 11/1/2016 meeting.
 - C. Treasurer's Report and the P&L were sent by e-mail to Board of Directors. The following questions were raised:
 1. Twig questioned what line item will sales of the donated jewelry be applied. Danese answered by saying line 4410-Donations other with a memo of where the money came from. Joan Kaplan asked if there will be a charge for WGC Allamanda pins. Carol Coleman answered "No." Harriet Samuels suggested on business cards for each member as these would be good for publicizing the WGC. Lisa Ferrano suggested magnets. Twig questioned whether the pins are a gift or to be used to promote the club. Carol clarified that at District, Regional, State and National meetings that every other club has a pin and WGC does not. A Motion was made by Twig Morris to form a committee to discuss the donated jewelry and the sales proceeds. Sylvia Evans defined what an "in kind donation" was. Twig Morris withdrew her previous motion.
 2. Doreen Baxter shared the suggestion of Jim Wenham that the nametags are in need of replacing. The dollar amount needed would exceed this year's budget. She questioned if it can be split between two fiscal years. Danese answered that it cannot be split. She added that Doreen can request approval to go over her budget and it would be voted upon.
 3. Twig Morris brought up the Penny Pines line item and stated that the Pass the Bucket hasn't happened lately. This is where donations of loose change from the members are used to support the NGC Penny Pines Reforestation program. Kathy shared that this will

resume in February, March and April at the general membership meetings. Kathy added that the Suggestion Box will also return.

4. Lisa Ferrano asked if she can use monies budgeted from Youth Gardens to sponsor another child for SEEK.
5. Harriet Samuels asked the BOD if there is any additional money to sponsor another child for Wekiva. Stormi explained that her request should be made to BOD for approval.
6. Twig stated that Kate Kouba has funds in the Wellington Preserve Budget to buy a tree to honor the passing of Suzanne Rares, Bonnie Wenham and Alice Mueller.
7. Diana Thompson & Stormi reminded everyone that donations in honor of members have been done in past, i.e., purchase a gardening book for the PBC library.
8. Mary Drexler made a motion to discuss with BOD on February 28 ways to recognize members who have passed. Seconded by Carol Coleman, the motion carried.
9. The Treasurer's reports were filed for Audit.

II. Officer's Reports:

1. President:
 - a. **Nominating Committee:** comprised of Jan Seagrave, Bobbi Ziegler, Caren Griffin, and Doreen Baxter, this committee will present the slate of eligible officers on March 6th and nominations from the floor followed by a vote will take place on April 3rd
 - b. **Budget:** The 2017-2018 budget will be voted on at the April 3rd meeting having been e-mailed to the member's 2 weeks prior. Membership Dues for the new fiscal year will begin to be accepted.
 - c. **Installation:** May 1 luncheon will feature the installation of new officers and college scholarship recipients. New officers' term begins on June 1.
 - d. **Spring Raffle Baskets:** Kathy Hernicz is donating raffle baskets for the spring luncheon. Mary Drexler will recruit more help through an e-mail blast, and will be asking at the next general membership meeting. Twig made a motion to move on the Around & Abouts agenda item. Bobbie Ziegler seconded and the motion carried.
 - e. **Around & About Interim Chairman:** Deb Russell. Kimberly Helms resigned as Around & About chair January 19, 2017, but she will continue to collect caps for Caps of Love and make the new member welcome plant gifts.

III. New Business

1. The **Standing Rules committee** met on 11/28/2016 and 1/11/2017. Comprised of Francine Strauss-Chair, Jan Seagrave, Carol Coleman, Joan Kaplan, Mary Kastner, and Kathy Siena (absent), the group reviewed the existing standing rules, amended the standing rule regarding non-committee member voting. Danese Sloan-Kendall asked the committee to add a standing rule regarding any future grant proposals. A deadline of April 30th was established for completion of the proposed amended Standing Rules.
2. **Earth Day:** A date change from Sunday, April 23 to Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 4:00 – 7:00pm at the Wellington Amphitheatre was announced.
3. **Flower Show:** This is yet to be determined.

4. **Raffle Basket chairman needed.** Budget will not come from luncheon. Twig informed everyone that there are items for raffle baskets at the storage facility. An inventory of items is available.
5. **Wekiva:** 2 females requested to attend the Co-Ed week. Siblings will take priority to attend that week, so those two individuals are on the wait list. Any questions, please call Harriet Samuels.
6. **Member Education Reimbursement:** Available to anyone attending an NGC/FFGC/District X approved course. Print reimbursement form off the website and submit to Danese or Sylvia.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14

Maria Wolfe
Recording Secretary

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