

**Wellington Garden Club**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**February 28, 2017**  
**Wellington Community Center**

Meeting called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Carol Coleman presiding in the absence of President Kathy Siena at 9:02am. Officers in attendance: Carol Coleman, Bobbi Ziegler, Maria Wolfe, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Stormi Bivin, Francine Strauss and Twig Morris. **Absent:** Silvia Evans

Committee Chairs in Attendance: Bernice Correra, Mary Drexler, Lisa Ferrano, Joan Kaplan, Twig Morris, Dee Rolfe, Deb Russell, Harriet Samuels, Diana Thompson. **Absent:** Doreen Baxter, Evvy Bartley, Uma Bhatti, Rehana Potter, Linda DeSanti, Claire Falik, Denise Friedlander, Fred Gerkin, Kathy Hernicz, Mary Ann Hesser, Laurie Hristov, Jayne Kiesewetter, Carol Lazzarino, Phil Macnak, Betty Naulty, Diane Rice, John Siena, Beth Stewart, and Jim Thompson.

Member at Large in Attendance: Jan Seagrave **Absent:** Mary Kastner

There is a quorum in attendance for this meeting: 16

- I. Carol welcomed all, established the quorum, and reminded all to silence cell phones.
  - A. January 31, 2017 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. Financial Reports – Danese suggested that since the month-end was the day this meeting was held, that the Treasurer reports be given at the General Membership Meeting on March 6, 2017.
- II. Officer's Reports:
  - A. Carol Coleman gave a report on the donated Jewelry sold to fund future pins. \$180.00 in sales to date.
  - B. Fertilizer Sales: Carol Coleman reported that 35 bags were sold. Stormi added that the budget anticipated 40, so this was good.
  - C. Membership Dues: Carol Coleman reported that dues will be collected beginning with the March meeting and can be paid at the Spring Luncheon. Two suggestions: Have the questionnaire for new members be printed in a different color than renewing members. E-mail copies of new members' questionnaire to every committee chair so that they can contact them to encourage participation in the new Garden Club year.
  - D. Stormi Bivin reported that according to the Articles of Association only 2 Executive Officers can serve consecutive terms. They are Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. The Board can vote for a temporary suspension of rules should another officer be under consideration for a consecutive term at an upcoming election.
- III. Committee Chairs and General Reports:
  - A. **Standing Rules Committee:** Met on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. A follow-up meeting is necessary to clarify Rules #5 & 11. Revisions must be voted on so the committee suggests the April general membership meeting. Mary Drexler shared that the intent in revising the Articles of Association was to include more members in the decision-making process. Jan Seagrave iterated that the Board of Directors involves more members. Stormi shared that the Executive Committee should hold some executive power so Francine stated that the Standing Rules changes will be brought to the Executive Committee to vote on after the

entire Board of Directors reviews the proposed Standing Rules changes. Lisa Ferrano agreed.

- B. **Members-At-Large:** Carol Coleman made a motion that the Members-At-Large will serve the same term as the elected officers. Seconded by Bobbi Ziegler. Discussion ensued. Motion withdrawn.
- C. **Finance Committee Meeting:** Held on March 7, 2017. Will send budget by March 15 and be presented at the April general membership meeting for vote.
- D. **Nominating Committee:** Jan Seagrave, Chair, reported on the following slate:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Carol Krenkel
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Caren Griffin
  - Corresponding Secretary - Mary Drexler
  - Recording Secretary – Maria Wolfe
  - Parliamentarian – Francine Strauss (Appointed – not elected)
  - Treasurer – Silvia Evans
  - Assistant Treasurer - Open Will advertise in the Allamanda Newsletter
- E. **Memorial to Honor Active Members Who Pass Away:** A discussion ensued. Twig Morris made a motion to consider on a case by case basis. There being no second the motion was quashed. Jan Seagrave made a motion to purchase a bench made up of recyclable materials. Seconded by Deb Russell. Joan Kaplan suggested that we mention names at luncheon. Carol Coleman suggested we give a rose at the luncheon in honor of members who have passed in the previous garden club year. Bobbi Ziegler suggested that we plant a tree. Jan Seagrave withdrew her motion. Jan made a motion that the WGC purchase a bench made up of recyclable materials with a plaque honoring all members who have passed. Bernice Correra seconded. Danese asked if we still send flowers. Bobbi stated that members attend funerals and we send cards. Joan Kaplan questioned 1 plaque. Francine suggested we research the cost. Twig suggested the motion be amended to explore pricing. Lisa Ferrano suggested that the WGC plant a tree every year. Stormi stated that the Village of Wellington has a commemorative tree program. Jan Seagrave withdrew her motion. Twig Morris made a motion to present roses at Spring Luncheon on May 1 in honor of members who have passed. Seconded by Dee Rolfe. Motion Carried.

#### IV New Business

- 1. **Caps of Love:** Dee reminded the group that since she is no longer heading up this collection asked that members be informed to cease dropping off bags of caps at her house. An announcement will be made at the general membership meeting.
  - 2. **Camp Wekiva:** Stormi announced she will be attending with a grandchild for a week and encouraged other members to consider going in the future.
  - 3. **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 10:25

Maria Wolfe

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