

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

- I. **Meeting called to order at 10:25 AM** – Carol Coleman, 1st VP presiding in President Kathy Siena’s absence
- A. Welcome to members, guests, and special guest, Mayor Anne Gerwig
 - B. Reflection
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **Club Business- Officers Reports:**
- A. Minutes – Carol for Maria Wolfe
General Members’ meeting minutes of February 6, 2017 emailed and reading is waived.
 - B. Reading of the March 1, 2017 Treasurer’s Report and June 2016-February 2017 P&L Budget vs. Actual is waived. Emailed to members and available on the website.
 - C. **1st Vice President for President**
 - 1 Twig Morris introduced the Mayor of Wellington, Anne Gerwig and welcomed her to the podium. Mayor Gerwig recognized former mayor and WGC member in attendance, Tom Wenham. Mayor Gerwig read the Proclamation declaring March 12-18, 2017 as Wellington Garden Week in the Village of Wellington. A picture with the Board and Mayor Gerwig was taken.
 - 2 Thank you to Hospitality committee and members.
 - 3 50/50 FFGC Pres Special Project Raffle Tickets all SOLD-Thank you
 - 4 FFGC Convention is on April 26-28 in Orlando. All are encouraged to attend.
 - 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 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 2017-2019 Proposed Budget Vote will be held at the April 3, 2017 membership meeting.
 - 8 Special Guest, Donna Berger, the District X director will be in attendance.
 - D. **Assistant Treasurer**
 - 1. Member Renewal Dues can be paid. Visit FFGC.org to renew your membership with FFGC but do not pay any fees directly to FFGC. The individual payment of \$35.00 or \$50.00 for a couple includes all State and National Garden Club dues.
 - 2. 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 Sylvia encouraged everyone to apply for reimbursement **before** you attend the course to insure reimbursement funds are available.
- III. **Club Business -Committee Chair Reports:** (See attachments)
- A. **Nominating** – Jan Seagrave

1. Presented the slate of Officers for the 2017-2019 years. They are:
 - Carol Coleman – President
 - 1st Vice President – Tom Wenham
 - 2nd Vice President – Caren Griffin
 - Recording Secretary – Maria Wolfe
 - Corresponding Secretary – Mary Drexler
 - Treasurer – Sylvia Evans
 - Assistant Treasurer – Carol Krenkel
 2. Nominations will be accepted from the floor on April 3rd at the WGC General membership Meeting. Elections will take place at that meeting also.
- B. Membership-** Doreen Baxter
1. See attachment
 2. 148 Current members
 3. 5 Guests were announced
 4. 3 New members announced and gift of succulent given to them.
 5. Suggestion Box at front table
- C. Earth Day Celebration**—Rehana Potter
1. Date is Saturday, April 22, from 4:00 – 7:00 at the Wellington Amphitheater
 2. Free Event
 3. Children are encouraged to attend
 4. Food Trucks
 5. WGC will be handing out free seed packets. Volunteers are needed.
 6. Master Gardener will be on hand to answer questions.
- D. Around & About**—Deb Russell
1. Pan’s Garden and Polly Reed’s Garden on Thursday, March 30. No cost to members. Lunch immediately following is optional.
 2. Heathcote Botanical Gardens in Ft. Pierce tour will take place on Tuesday, April 18. A tour bus is being arranged. Expect a cost between \$20 - \$30 (includes admission)
- E. 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. Please invite friends and help publicize the event.
 4. Help is needed from everyone
- F. 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 should be dropped off at 10:15. Please prepare a tag with some basic plant information. Tags are available today.
- G. Fertilizer Sales** – Tim Hadsell
1. If you have not picked up your ordered bags, please do so at your earliest convenience.
- H. Wekiva Youth Camp** – Harriet Samuels
1. 6 applications have been submitted and there is 1 space remaining. Children from 3rd – 8th grade are eligible. Because of the WGC campership, the only cost to a parent is \$40.00.
 2. Stormi recognized as a grandparent attending with her grandson this summer.

- I. **Adopt-A-Street** – Mary Ann Hesser
 - 1. On 3/21 cleanup will take place on Greenbrier from Aero Club to Wellington Trace. No bending necessary. Grabbers, gloves and bags are provided. Meet at the Dog Park near the Aero Club at 9:00am
 - 2. Final cleanup for this garden club year will take place on May 2, 2017.
- J. **Spring Luncheon** – Mary Drexler
 - 1. Monday, May 1, at the Wellington National Golf Club (formerly Binks) Cost is \$30.00 per person.
 - 2. Installation of the 2017 – 2018 officers will take place
 - 3. Scholarship Recipients will be announced.
 - 4. Mardi Gras Theme
 - 5. Entertainment, surprises, raffle baskets will be offered.
- K. **External Events** – Twig Morris
 - 1. Environmental Studies III is March 14-15 at Pine Jog
 - 2. Elks Club – Dedication of Blue Star Marker on Sunday, March 19 at 1:00pm
 - 3. Oleander Garden Club luncheon is \$30.00. Info on back table.
 - 4. FFGC convention will be held on April 27-28 in Kissimmee. Registration forms on back table
 - 5. Free Flower Shows in our area in Ft. Lauderdale and Lauderdale –by-the-Sea and Fort Lauderdale. Visit FFGC website for more details.
 - 6. A clipboard is being passed around to list any trees you planted this year.

IV. Unfinished Business: None

V. New Business:

- A. Please do not drop off caps at the home of Dee Rolfe. Dee is no longer collecting caps for Caps of Love. This is being done by Kimberly Helms.

VI. Program Speaker – Carol Coleman introduced Pamela Graf Bohn speaking on Orchid Design

VII. Plant Raffle Tickets reminder and **Name Tag Raffle** Winners were Jan Hoyt, Beth Stewart, Cass Stryker, and Rehana Potter. Donated flowers allowed WGC to have 4 name tag raffle winners.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 12:16pm

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