

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Meeting Minutes
Community Center, Wellington, FL
April 3, 2017

- I. **Meeting called to order at 10:15 AM** –President Kathy Siena
 - A. Quorum established by Parliamentarian Stormi Bivin: 75
 - B. Welcome to members, guests, and special guests: Donna Berger, District X President, Village of Wellington Community Center staff, Joe Piconcelli and Debbie Liquori. A special thank you to all the Community Center staff for their support.
 - C. Reflection by Kathy: “These are the things that I prize” by Henry Van Dyke
 - D. Pledge of Allegiance
 - E. Community Center Thank You - Twig Morris presented two tall self-watering planters in appreciation. Photo was taken by Paige Griffin of Joe, Debbie, Kathy, Twig and Carol Coleman.
 - F. Kathy thanked all the committee Chairs, Executive Committee and anyone who has volunteered in the past year. She asked all those who had volunteered to stand. Lots of applause.
 - G. Special Guest Donna Berger was introduced. She gave a short speech mentioning there are now 17 clubs in District X – the newest being Delray Hamlet Garden Club. She also announced that Kathy Siena has agreed to be Assistant Director of District X 2017-2018 and Bobbi Ziegler will be Corresponding Secretary. Donna was given the gift of a yellow Phalaenopsis Orchid in a decorative pot along with a \$50.00 gift card. Photo of Donna and Kathy was taken.
 - H. Kathy thanked Carol Coleman for presiding at the February 28 Board meeting and the March 6 members meeting in her absence and Deb Russell for taking the minutes in Maria Wolfe’s absence.

- II. **Club Business- Officers Reports:**
 - A. Minutes – Kathy for Deb Russel (Interim Recording Secretary) in the absence of Maria Wolfe, Recording Secretary. The General Members’ meeting minutes of March 6, 2017 were emailed and reading is waived. No additions or corrections so minutes will be filed.
 - B. Reading of the April 1, 2017 Treasurer’s Report and June 2016-March 2017 P&L Budget vs. Actual is waived. Emailed to members and available on the website. Will be filed for audit.
 - C. Corresponding Secretary – Bobbi Ziegler read a thank you note from Pine Jog Elementary for our donation of a \$156.00 gift.
 - D. President-Suggestion Box-Kathy addressed three suggestions that were left at the February members meeting. She reminded members to be sure to place suggestions or comments in the box that will be placed on the sign-up table area for members’ access.
 - E. President-2017-2018 Proposed Budget. Kathy presided. The Proposed Budget was e-mailed to general membership in advance of the voting and mailed USPS to certain members. Reviewed in advance of the voting by BOD and EC. Motion to approve the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget was made by Barbara Zenker. Seconded by Twig Morris. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. President-2017-2019 Executive Committee Officer Election – Kathy presided. She announced Jan Seagraves’ Nominating committee submitted the following slate of officers:
- President – Carol Coleman
 - 1st Vice President – Tom Wenham
 - 2nd Vice President – Karen Griffin
 - Recording Secretary – Maria Wolfe
 - Corresponding Secretary – Mary Drexler
 - Treasurer – Silvia Evans
 - Assistant Treasurer – Carol Krenkel
- No nominations from the floor. Motion was made by Twig Morris to accept the slate of officers for 2017-2019 as presented. Seconded by John Siena. Slate accepted by unanimous vote. Officers will be installed May 1 at the luncheon. Duties will be effective June 1, 2017.

III. Club Business -Committee Chair Reports: (See attachments)

A. Membership- Doreen Baxter

1. Doreen thanked all her helpers. There are 12 jobs at each meeting. Petra Russell will chair next year.
2. See attachment
3. 153 Current members
4. 4 Guests were announced
5. 4 New members announced and gift of succulent given to them.

B. Plants Galore & More - Joan Kaplan

1. Joan thanked all who helped at this event. Brief overview of event was given. Highlights were Home Depot Crafts and Growums enjoyed by the kids, excellent seminars. Overall a smooth operation.

C. Plants Galore & More - Stormi Bivin & Beth Stewart

2. Successful on many levels. \$1,678.00 net Profit. They expressed appreciation to all those who participated, especially to those who brought plants. Thank you to Linda & Leonard DeSanti who lent their box truck, to Quintessence Nursery and Jane Thompson who donated \$200.00 worth of native plants to the sale.
3. Twig Morris reported the raffle raised \$800.00

D. Youth Gardens – Twig Morris

1. List of Gardens we support:
 - a. Binks Forest Elementary twice a month on Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00
 - b. Pine Jog Jr Garden who will need help in the fall
 - c. Wynnebrook Elementary meets on Wednesday and is run by Janet Stein & Tim Hadsell
 - d. Girl Scout Troop’s Butterfly Garden at the Wellington Dog Park meets Sunday’s
 - e. Palm Beach Central’s H.S Urban Wetland Project
 - f. Wellington High School – on going since 2006 – see Roxanne Henry

E. District X and FFGC Meetings – Twig Morris

1. District X meeting at Abacoa Country Club on May 3rd. Members are eligible for a \$40.00 reimbursement.
 2. FFGC convention in Orlando April 26-28. Information is in Florida Gardener. All are encouraged to attend.
- F. **Around and About** – Deb Russell
1. April 18 – Heathcote Botanical Garden - Bus trip to Ft. Pierce. \$9.00 entrance/tour guide fee and \$25.00 bus fee. All are encouraged to sign up.
- G. **Wekiva Youth Camp** – Harriet Samuels
1. Excited to announce that 8 camper have signed up. Stormi Bivin will be a volunteer this summer as her grandson is attending.
 2. Harriet asked members to stand whose child/grandchild has ever attended.
- H. **Boys and Girls Club Community Garden** – John Siena
1. WGC is working with The Young Professionals and the Boys & Girls Club to work with a group of “Garden Club” kids teaching them to grow vegetables in 4 raised garden beds. Kids weed, plant, water and take home vegetables and herbs.
 2. Young Professionals will hold a Harvest Event April 22 from 19-12 pm for Kids and parents at the Boys and Girls Club of Wellington.
 3. Garden Club volunteers are Kathy and John Siena, Lisa Ferrano, Sandy Sklar, Ann Hlasnicek, Deb Russell, Jim Thompson and Maria Wolfe.
- I. **Scholarships** – John Siena
1. Applications have been received from the website. The deadline was April 1, but if some came in this week they would be considered. Selection would be on April 14. WGC has committed \$3,000 toward scholarships.
- J. **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 milkweed seedlings. Volunteers are needed.
 6. Master Gardener will be on hand to answer questions.
- K. **Spring Luncheon** – Mary Drexler
1. Monday, May 1, at the Wellington National Golf Club (formerly Binks) Cost is \$30.00 per person. 11:00am – 2:30pm
 2. Installation of the 2017 – 2019 officers will take place
 3. Scholarship Recipients will be announced.
 4. Mardi Gras Theme so feel free to wear a mask or wear purple, gold and/or green.
 5. Entertainment, surprises, raffle baskets will be offered.
- L. **Fertilizer Sales** – Carol Coleman
1. One bag is missing for one of our buyers. WGC may have to cover the cost of that.
 2. WGC made \$331.65 profit.
 3. Sold 25 2-lb bags at Plants Galore for a profit of \$75.00.
- M. **Pins** – Carol Coleman
1. Jewelry donated by Carol Coleman is being sold to fund the purchase of special pins for WGC club members. Jewelry is still available to be sold.
- N. **Youth Contest** – Kathy Siena

1. Kathy is coordinating. There are 150 contest entries. A Smokey Bear presentation will be at Equestrian Trails Elementary on April 14 if anyone wishes to attend.

O. **2018 Biennial Garden Tour April 2018**– Kathy Siena

1. Not too early to begin planning and thinking about the event. Will need 10-12 sub-committees. Exact date in April 2018 is yet undetermined.

IV. Unfinished Business:

A. Standing Rule (Policies and Procedures) Update – Francine Strauss

1. Fran’s committee has had multiple meetings. The policies must coordinate with the by-laws and the committee needs more time. The Standing Rules Committee will start again in September and finish early next year.

V. New Business:

Solar Technology expert needed. If you know one please contact Tim Hadsell.

VI. Program Speaker - Francine Strauss introduced David Bates, Nature and Wildlife Photographer

VII. Name Tag Raffle winner was drawn by the speaker and given a plant.

VIII. Penny Pines Jug was passed around the room to collect money.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm

Minutes (recorded by Deb Russell in Maria Wolfe’s absence) were transcribed by 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