

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

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Siena at 9:05am. Officers in attendance: Kathy Siena, Carol Coleman, Bobbi Ziegler, Stormi Bivin, Francine Strauss and Twig Morris. **Absent:** Maria Wolfe, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Silvia Evans

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

Members at Large in Attendance: Jan Seagrave, Mary Kastner

There is a quorum in attendance for this meeting: 15

- I. Kathy welcomed all, established the quorum, and reminded all to silence cell phones.
 - A. February 28, 2017 Board of Directors' meeting minutes were emailed to all board members and copies are available. She asked if there were any additions or corrections. None noted, minutes will be filed.
 - B. Kathy mentioned that Jan Seagrave was filling in for Maria Wolfe as the recording secretary for this BOD meeting and Deb Russell will fill in for the general membership meeting on April 3, 2017, both at the request of Maria Wolfe.
 - C. Financial Reports: None available at this meeting. Reports will be submitted at month end.
- II. Officer's Reports:
 - President**
 - A. Budget voting procedures for the April 3, 2017 members meeting were discussed. The budget was presented to members via email. Kathy Siena received positive feedback.
 - B. New Officers election and voting procedure for the April 3, 2017 members meeting were discussed. Nominations from the floor and election to be held at the general membership meeting on April 3, 2017. Details on nominating committee duties are available for review on page 45, Article 12: Nominating committee duties. Twig Morris asked Kathy to explain the voting procedures. Kathy referred her to our yearbook.
 - C. Special Guest: Donna Berger, District X Director, has been invited to our April 3 general members' meeting as Wellington Garden Club's special guest. She will speak for 3-5 minutes. Club Presidents traditionally invite their current District Director to a club meeting during the Presidents two-year term.
 - D. Membership Renewal Dues collection: Dues will be collected at the April 3, 2017 meeting. Page 38 in the WGC yearbook explains the breakdown of dues. Twig Morris said that part of the FFGC portion goes to National Garden Clubs. Stormi Bivin added that part of the money goes to the NGC newsletter/magazine. Mary Kastner asked how many members belong to District X. Kathy Siena will find out and let the BOD know. Twig Morris suggested visiting the FFGC website to view all the clubs. Mary Drexler asked if there will ever be a cap put on

- membership. Kathy iterated that new members are encouraged. Since membership numbers fluctuate, new people are encouraged to join. Bobbi Ziegler asked what can be done about members who attend but don't participate and then leave. Kathy Siena encouraged a one-on-one communication with new members to encourage participation.
- E. Meeting and discussion was held between Kathy Siena and the Royal Palm Beach Vice Mayor about how to start a new Community Garden and garden club in Royal Palm Beach at the Vice Mayor's request.
 - F. May 1 Luncheon: College Scholarships and Awards Recognition and Installation of Officers: Kathy called on John Siena to explain scholarship awards. John Siena will present college scholarships. Twig Morris asked how many scholarships? Three scholarships totaling \$3,000 will be awarded. Kathy will present some recognitions. Installation of officers will be conducted by Barbara May.
 - G. Kathy Siena thanked Stormi Bivin for being her Parliamentarian. She also thanked Carol Coleman for presiding at the February 28, 2017 Board meeting and the March 6, 2017 General Members Meeting in her absence.
- III. Committee Chair Reports:
- A. Camp Wekiva Applications Update: Harriet Samuels has 8 kids who want to attend Wekiva Youth Camp. No "Critters" applied to attend. She is over budget by \$200.00 but \$200.00 budgeted for "Leader In Training" will not be used this fiscal year. Because Stormi Bivin is attending as a volunteer, WGC will receive a \$100.00 credit towards total WYC fees. Twig Morris said for the budget to show proper distribution, one account will be over \$200.00 and then a separate account will reflect the underage. John Siena stated the budget is not an issue. Harriet Samuels will send the money to Camp Wekiva for kids followed by a letter to parents. Twig Morris said any chairman can go over budget by \$75.00 without approval first. A motion was made by Twig to approve Harriet going over budget by \$75.00. Seconded by Bobbi Ziegler. Discussion followed. Twig withdrew her motion. John Siena made a motion to allow Harriet to go over her budget by \$100.00. Motion seconded by Bobbi Ziegler. Harriet said no more applications will be accepted. Kathy said we can allow new applications. No further discussion. Motion carried.
 - B. May 1 Spring Luncheon: Mary Drexler had the first meeting at Wellington National Golf Club. Mary Drexler and Kathy HERNICZ found out that WGC has access to the entire room. 45 members have signed up to attend the luncheon. Mary will send an e-blast to encourage members to sign up. Cut off is 4/24 to sign up. Table Decoration Committee meets 4/4 at Doreen's house. Stormi and Carol Krenkel are doing the raffle. Mary Drexler is having another meeting at WNGC to discuss room configuration. Bobbi suggested that she put out a form to sign up. Mary will send Kathy a flyer & form in PDF format so that it can be posted on the website. If you have any Mardi Gras items, you are asked to donate them. Harriet asked what our attendance commitment is. Mary reported that it is 85.
 - C. Nominating Committee: Jan Seagrave read the nominations as follows:
 President: Carol Coleman
 1st Vice President: Tom Wenham
 Treasurer: Silvia Evans
 Assistant Treasurer: Carol Krenkel
 Recording Secretary: Maria Wolfe

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Drexler

Kathy will open the floor to accept any additional nominations at the April 3, 2017 members meeting.

- D. Plants Galore and More: Stormi Bivin reported on the success of the event. Home Depot hands-on projects were enjoyed by parents and children. Growums was great as well as the speakers. Almost \$1,800 net profit for the plant sale. Net raffle sales were over \$700.00. Twig Morris said we had a speaker on orchids so people thought we were selling them so she suggested next time we have them available to sell.

IV. Unfinished Business:

Nominating Committee: Jan Seagrave suggested we establish guidelines for future Nominating Committees. Kathy Siena said that we follow Roberts Rules of Order and our Articles.

Raffle Prizes at Plant Galore & More: Jan suggested that raffle donations be recognized equally. Pallet of mulch was our most expensive donation and the company was not mentioned. Kathy will post their name in June newsletter for recognition. Kathy HERNICZ asked if a follow up in Town Crier might be appropriate.

Around & About: A replacement for Pan's Garden is necessary. Pamela's Petals in Flamingo Park is the replacement. William Brady's garden across from Pamela's Petals was offered as an additional garden to view by Pamela Bohn, a neighbor and friend of Mr. Brady. Kathy said addresses were sent via email. Lunch will follow.

Plants Galore & More donation: Jane Thompson, owner of Indian Trails Native Nursery, donated \$200.00 to the Plant Sale in the form of an invoice credit. Bobbi Ziegler will send a thank you note. Twig asked about tax donation letters and was informed that the Treasurer sends those out. John said that the treasurer also sends out 501(C) 3 forms. Stormi said we need to ask Danese Sloan-Kendall if she has sent out any letters. Kathy read a form to BOD which is on the WGC website.

Memorial Garden: Honoring members who have passed was discussed. A rose garden was discussed. A memorial ceremony using roses will be presented at the May luncheon. Carol Coleman volunteer to coordinate the memorial.

V. New Business:

- A. Francine Strauss asked if WGC could set aside money for a needy person to join the club. Harriet suggested we allow a person to join and not pay. Discussion ensued. Kathy Siena said she has paid for such a person in the past. No further discussion.
- B. Kathy Siena will give a presentation on "The Dangers of Plastic Pollution" to the Boca Raton Garden Club Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25

Minutes (recorded by Jan Seagrave in Maria Wolfe's absence) transcribed by Maria Wolfe, Recording Secretary.

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