

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

Meeting called to order by President Carol Coleman at 9:32 a.m. Officers in attendance: Carol Coleman, Tom Wenham, Caren Griffin, Maria Wolfe, Silvia Evans, Carol Krenkel, Jan Seagrave, and Kathy Siena. Absent: Mary Drexler.

Committee Chairs in Attendance: JoAnn Akins, Doreen Baxter, Stormi Bivin, Claire Falik, Lisa Ferrano, Tim Hadsell, Carol Lazzarino, Twig Morris, Dee Rolfe, John Siena. **Absent:** Evvy Bartley, Uma Bhatti, Linda DeSanti, Denise Friedlander, Kimberly Helms, Mary Ann Hesser, Joan Kaplan, Caroline Kessman, Jayne Kiesewetter, Phil Macnak, Diane Rice, Betty Naulty, and Harriet Samuels.

Member Guests in attendance: Barbara Hadsell, Deb Russell, Christine Biscoglio

- I. There is a quorum in attendance for this meeting: 18
 - A. Carol welcomed all, established the quorum, and reminded all to silence cell phones.
 - B. BOD meeting minutes of April 25, 2017 – Carol stated the minutes were emailed to all board members and copies are available. She asked if there were any addition or corrections. Tom Wenham made a motion to accept the minutes as e-mailed. John Siena seconded and the vote to accept was unanimous.
 - C. Treasurer’s Report: Silvia read the amount of money that each committee has been budgeted. See attached report. Silvia also clarified the use of WGC’s tax-exempt sales certificate.
 - D. Carol Coleman asked Tim Hadsell if he would take on the duties of the Youth Gardens Chair and he accepted.
 - E. Member’s At Large Election: 3 names were submitted for consideration: Deborah Russell, Mary Barbara Alexander, and Barbara Hadsell. The vote was taken and the two members elected were: Deborah Russell and Barbara Hadsell.
 - F. Flower Show: Option to have a Flower Show in lieu of the Garden Tour in the 2017-2018 year was proposed. Twig Morris would chair the event and gave the following information to the BOD and will present the same to the members of WGC on 9/5/2017:
 1. This will be a “standard” flower show
 2. Will help to raise awareness in the community of the WGC
 3. Will be held on April 6-8, 2018
 4. Wellington Mall – center court. The marketing director of the mall (Rochelle) will help to advertise and obtain sponsors.
 5. Costs of this show hope to be offset by:
 - a. Plant Sales
 - b. Raffles
 - c. Sponsorships
 - d. Floral Design Presentations
 6. Vote will be taken at the General membership meeting to approve holding the Flower Show.

G. Fundraisers:

- i. Stormi has researched California Pizza Kitchen as a fundraiser
- ii. Carol has procured \$1,000 from Neil Hirsch to offset the income loss
- iii. Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, a new vet in Wellington will be having an open house and WGC has the opportunity to provide floral arrangements and serve at the event. They will make a donation to WGC for our service.

H. Committee Reports

- a. Hospitality – Carol and Denise will be purchasing jugs of coffee from Dunkin Donuts so that the time consuming coffee pots will not have to be used.
- b. Grant Applications – Tim Hadsell shared that two grant applications are available. Espoma which is an organic gardening product offers a grant along with the NGC Plant America Community Project. Doreen made a motion to accept these two grants, Barbara seconded and the vote was unanimous. Maria Wolfe is writing the Grant Application from NGC for the Community Garden at the Boys & Girls Club.
- c. Holiday Luncheon – Carol and Jane Kiesewetter are co-chairing. A new venue is expected.
- d. Community Garden – John Siena shared that a harvest will take place at the Boys & Girls Club Community Garden in November. The Young Professionals of Wellington, a chief financial supporter of the garden, will host an event in Jan or Feb and would like the WGC to be in attendance.

I. New Business

1. Ad Hoc Committee of review of Standing Rules: The motion to form a such a committee was made by Maria Wolfe, seconded by Deb Russell and passed unanimously by the BOD
2. Review of the Roles of the BOD – Doreen Baxter made a motion to establish a committee to review the duties of the BOD and chaired by Doreen. Seconded by Caren Griffin. The motion passed.
3. Additional Fundraisers:
 - A. Kathy HERNICZ & Stormi Bivin researched a Shredding Event.
 - B. The Kings Academy will deduct \$5.00 off ticket prices for matinees if we can sell tickets in bulk. Carol Lazzarino made a motion to present to the members. Carol K seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. Membership Dues Increase: was discussed but no formal decision was made
5. Plant Raffle: JoAnn encouraged everyone to bring in plants for the raffle.
6. Seed packet donation: Carol Lazzarino was given 200 expired seed packets by Home Depot. Tim Hadsell will accept and try to use them in his youth garden.
7. Tom Wenham reminded all that WGC has branded ourselves as a civic organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am by Carol Coleman

Amended on September 25, 2017

Maria Wolfe Recording Secretary

*copies of attachments referenced in these minutes may be obtained by contacting Maria Wolfe recording Sec. at tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com