

**Wellington Garden Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 30, 2017  
Wellington Community Center**

Meeting called to order by President Carol Coleman at 9:33 a.m. Officers in attendance: Carol Coleman, Tom Wenham, Caren Griffin, Maria Wolfe, Silvia Evans, Carol Krenkel, Jan Seagrave. Absent: Mary Drexler and Kathy Siena

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

Members At Large: Barbara Hadsell, Deb Russell

Member Guests in attendance: Paige Griffin

There is a quorum in attendance for this meeting: 19

I. Committee Reports

1. President Carol Coleman welcomed all, established the quorum, and reminded all to silence cell phones.
2. BOD meeting minutes of September 25, 2017 – Motion to approve by Barbara Hadsell, seconded by Stormi Bivin. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report and P&L for September 2017 will be ready at end-of-month 10/31.
  - a. Education re-imburement requests – Discussion of \$199 request by Ann Hlasnicek in lieu of \$100 maximum per year. Discussion of Standing Rule #10 ensued. Doreen Baxter suggested the need for board specific guidelines. Harriet Samuels made a motion to approve payment of education reimbursements applications presented to Treasurer and review the requirements for repaying educational expenses in the future. Twig Morris seconded. John Siena mentioned the Standing Rule #10 requirement that members who receive compensation are expected to share the knowledge. Barbara Hadsell made an amendment to Harriet's motion that Ann be given the latitude to apply additional expense reimbursement this year. Motion carried with amendment.
  - b. Barbara Hadsell suggested the Finance Committee meet to review finance questions.
  - c. Tax-Exempt Certificate clarification - check must be written from WGC to qualify. Applying for credit card may be a good idea. Twig made a motion that Finance Committee research the feasibility of having a WGC credit card and report back to the BOD...Seconded by Carol K. Motion carried.
4. Wekiva Leadership Recruitment – Stormi will present a power point presentation at Monday's meeting to encourage attendance. Wekiva Open House and Leadership Training is in February. Friday – Sunday. Cost is \$75.00 which is reimbursable by WGC.
  - a. Harriet advised all interested in registering children, grandchildren for Wekiva Camp in summer 2018, log onto your computer on January 1, 2018 at 12:01am

5. Grants – Tim Hadsell reported that the Espoma Fertilizer grant had been approved in the amount of \$250.00
6. Youth Gardens – 15 children are attending Wynnebrook Garden each week. Irrigation is being completed.
7. Community Garden – John Siena reported that Young Professionals of Wellington came out to weed on a Saturday in October with their children. They are scheduling a Gala event in February. Village of Wellington is participating in fixing sprinkler systems etc. John commended his team on a job well done.
8. Holiday Luncheon: It will be held at Myacoo Country Club on Monday, December 4. Raffle Baskets will be available. A choral group from Wellington High School will be performing. Members are encouraged to make a reservation and pay to hold their spot and choose their lunch selection.
  - a. An Event Planning checklist was distributed to the BOD for use in planning future events. Doreen Baxter made a motion to post this form to the “FORMS” section of the website. Twig seconded. Motion carried.
  - b. John Siena made a motion to prepare a contract form to be used by WGC in the event a venue does not provide their own contract. Barbara Hadsell seconded. Motion carried.
9. Flower Show: Twig informed the BOD that the Mall may have a conflict with the approved dates in April. She is awaiting a response from Rachelle at the Mall.
10. Advertising on the Website – everyone agreed on moving forward with this idea. Harriet suggested that WGC offer advertising in the yearbook for a fee combined with the website as an additional incentive. Doreen added that a link from our website to the advertiser’s website could also be offered.
11. Fund Raiser Shredding Event –Kathy Hernitz shared the event will be held at the Village of Wellington on January 20, 2018 from 10:00am – 12:00pm. We need to publicize heavily. Volunteers are needed in addition to a cash box, table, and a tent. Ask Claire to write an article for the local publications. Stormi made a motion that the fees for the shredding event be \$5.00 for a letter size box and \$10.00 for a legal size box. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Using the Chamber to help publicize was also suggested.
12. Member Survey was introduced in an effort to elicit more involvement from members
13. Doreen Baxter made a motion to remove Calendar from the login on the website. Barbara Hadsell seconded. Motion carried.
14. NGC Environmental Course focusing on Water will be held on November 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> at Pine Jog. All are encouraged to register and attend. Reimbursement is available through the club.
15. NGC approved a grant for \$4,000 for Gene Joyner’s Unbelievable Acres. Volunteers are needed to help plant trees. January 20, 2018 (Arbor Day) will dedicate the updated garden.
16. Article 9 Advisory Committee – Please see attached amendments. John made a motion to present the suggested revisions to the WGC member for approval. Barbara Hadsell seconded. Motion carried.

II. Reminders:

1. Garden Design Magazine Subscriptions are \$45.00 per year of which the WGC will receive \$12.00.

2. Plant Raffles – no need to donate any plants for November meeting as Laurie Hristov donated a number of plants.
3. SEEK & Wekiva kids to come to January meeting for recognition.
4. Tropical Short Course will be held on January 24 – 25, 2018 at Mounts Botanic Garden. Register and attend.

III. New Business

1. New Member Brunch – November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the home of Carol Coleman. BOD members are asked to attend and bring a brunch item.
2. Paige Griffin introduced a new fund raising idea that involves members ordering gift cards through shopwithscrip.com and the WGC would receive a portion of the money spent on the card. Paige would be Program Coordinator. Twig made a motion that the Finance Committee discuss Paige's fundraiser as it impacts the Treasurer. Tom Wenham seconded. Motion carried.
3. Twig Morris brought WGC polo shirt examples – pink and yellow. A chairman is needed to head up this project. \$22.00 per shirt. Tim Hadsell will check on another shirt vendor

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47am

Maria Wolfe  
Recording Secretary

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