

**Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 25, 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, Carol Krenkel, Jan Seagrave, Mary Drexler, and Kathy Siena. Absent: Silvia Evans.

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

Members At Large: Barbara Hadsell, Deb Russell

Member Guests in attendance: None

There is a quorum in attendance for this meeting: 18

I. Committee Reports

1. President Carol Coleman welcomed all, established the quorum, and reminded all to silence cell phones.
2. BOD meeting minutes of August 28, 2017 – There were multiple changes to be made to the minutes. Maria Wolfe, Recording Secretary, is correcting the minutes and will submit the amended 8/28/2017 minutes to Carol Coleman to be e-mailed to BOD.
3. Treasurer's Report: Assistant Treasurer, Carol Krenkel reported that she will make note of any questions and ask Silvia Evans, Treasurer, and respond back to BOD. The Treasurer's report and P&L for August 2017 were emailed to all BOD members. The September Treasurer's Report and P&L will be completed on Sunday, October 1, 2017 per a discussion Barbara Hadsell had with Silvia Evans.

The following questions and comments were made regarding various accounts on the P&L?

1. 6713 Yearbook – Why is no expense reflected?
2. 6809 Youth Activities – Suggested that the Youth Gardens be separated for tracking
3. 6830 NGC Disaster Fund – Barbara suggested that we send that money now because it is needed. Also send the \$56.50 that was collected at the 9/5/2017 general WGC meeting to the Deep South Region Natural Disaster Fund to help restore gardens in Texas.
4. Hospitality: Carol C for Denise Friedlander, Hospitality Chairman, reported that the Dunkin Donuts Box of Joe was enjoyed by all especially the committee. The extra coffee was given to the VOW employees. Adjustment in the amount of coffee purchased will be made.
5. Grants: Tim Hadsell reported that he has submitted the Espoma Fertilizer grant and a grant from Holy Trinity for the Loaves & Fishes Gardens. Maria Wolfe is writing the NGC Plant America grant for the Community Garden at the Boys & Girls Club.
6. Youth Gardens: Tim reported that the vegetable garden at the Elks has now incorporated and is called Loaves & Fishes Garden. The plan is to become a 501(c)(3). Beginning Wednesday, October 18 from 2:30 – 4:00 and on Wednesdays thereafter, the garden is need of members' help to work with students in garden and in kitchen. The solar panels and fish

garden were damaged slightly. Tim asked for 16 people to help plant seeds. Nine Board members signed up to plant seeds over the next two days. Carol Coleman knows the owners of Burpee Seed Co and will try to obtain plants and/or seeds for WGC and the youth gardens

1. \$2,000 - \$200 = \$1,800 budgeted amount will be divided among all youth gardens.
2. Last spring the Finance committee agreed that Wellington High would receive \$50 less than in the prior year.
3. Palm Beach Central – A new leader at the school is in place. The students have been invited to attend the tree planting at the Preserve.
4. Girl Scouts are all set and will use the \$150.00. The students have been invited to attend the tree planting at the Preserve.
7. National Public Lands Day: Tree planting will take place at the Preserve on Flying Cow Rd on Saturday, September 30 at 8:30. All are invited.
8. Community Garden: Kathy for John Siena. Hurricane Irma inflicted some damage to the beds and papaya tree. Bed 3 has been tilled & planted. Pumpkin seed planting will take place on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 from 3:30 – 5:30. All are invited to help. A Harvest event is being planned by the Young Professionals of Wellington.
9. Holiday Luncheon: It was announced by Jayne Kiesewetter that it will be held at Myacoo Country Club. A Holiday theme is planned.
 1. Stormi made a motion to bring the subject of raffle baskets at our spring & winter luncheons before the General membership. Seconded by Lisa Ferrano. Passed unanimously.
10. Standing Rules – The revision committee will be chaired by Doreen.
11. Flower Show: There will be a meeting on October 9 with the Mall to formulate a plan.
12. Beach Clean-up – Carol for Diane Dates are being considered for rescheduling
13. Membership: Mary Drexler would love to know in advance if guests are attending.
 1. Barbara Hadsell was at FFGC headquarters and there was a discrepancy in the amount sent for State dues so no WGC member can access the state website.
 2. Plant Donations needed for monthly nametag raffle
 3. Marilyn Walvoord is having surgery
 4. Kathy Schneider's husband passed away
14. Announcements:
 1. National Public Lands Day 8:30 -11:30 Plant trees at the Preserve on Flying Cow Rd
 2. Native Plant Society Garden Tour – visit website <http://palmbeach.fnpschapters.org/>
 3. Native Plant Society Plant Sale at Pine Jog - <http://palmbeach.fnpschapters.org/>
 4. Habitat For Humanity – Jupiter Estates clean up postponed to October 21

II. Reminders:

- A. District X Fall Meeting is on October 6, 2017. See Carol Coleman to carpool
- B. Tropical Short Course is being held on January 24-25, 2018 at Mounts Botanical Garden
- C. Article 9 meeting has been rescheduled due to Hurricane Irma to Thursday, Sept 28th at the Wellington Community Center from 10am to Noon.

III. Fund Raisers

- A. Joan Kaplan told Carol C about a magazine called *Garden Design Magazine*. It is a quarterly publication and cost \$35.00. They are willing to partner with WGC and will provide a

portion of the subscription \$ back to the club. The membership would be encouraged to buy these subscriptions.

- B. Shredding Event – Stormi for Kathy Hernicz. Will be chaired by Kathy Hernicz. . A date needs to be determined quickly so that the shredding company can approve the confirm availability and we can secure the venue and so that WGC can advertise the event in order to maximize community involvement. The 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of January will be explored.

IV. New Business

- A. Email responses will be forwarded to the individual for answering of questions.
- B. Disaster Relief/Recovery
 - 1. The Deep South Region that encompasses 6 southern states has sent a request for additional monies to benefit the Deep South area only. Members will be asked to bring their checkbooks and asked to make a donation that is tax deductible to help states in the Deep South that were affected by the recent hurricanes.
 - 2. District X wants WGC to report on our area and the gardens, zoos, etc. that were affected by Irma.
 - 3. Gene Joyner’s Unbelievable Acres Botanic Gardens was badly damaged due to twisters caused by Hurricane Irma. Funds are desperately needed to remove trees, replace irrigation, and plants destroyed by the storm. Lisa suggested a GoFundMe page as a way of having the entire community help. Barbara Hadsell’s suggestion of a fundraiser to help Unbelievable Acres was not adopted by the BOD.
- C. Mary Drexler asked for clarification on notifying membership of specific member’s needs. It was determined to handle each situation on a case by case basis.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14am

Maria Wolfe
Recording Secretary

Amended 10/2/1017

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