

**Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2018
Wellington Community Center**

Meeting called to order by First Vice President Jan Seagrave presiding in the absence of Carol Coleman at 9:36 a.m. Officers in attendance: Mary Drexler, Silvia Evans, Caren Griffin, Barbara Hadsell, Kathy Siena, and Maria Wolfe. Absent: Carol Coleman

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

Member At Large: Deb Russell

There is a quorum in attendance for this meeting: 14(Carol L. and Dee R count as one)

1st Vice President Jan Seagrave welcomed all, established the quorum, and reminded all to silence cell phones.

I. Officers' Reports

A. President:

1. Revive mentoring program
2. Revive Sunset Socials
3. Storage for WGC items is needed. Doreen will send out email blast asking members if they have facilities we can use. Paige Griffin has done research on costs of rental facilities.
4. Spring Luncheon - Deb Russell gave report on the expected attendance of 8 guests and 86 members. Music will be provided by Mayacoo. Raffle items are being organized by Barbara Ricksen. Earth Steward Award will be announced. Scholarship recipients will be honored. New Board Appointments will be announced. 35 photographs have been received of members when they were in high school/college. They will be assembled into a collage and will be on display at the luncheon.
5. FFGC Awards Received by WGC: One of the top 4 in State of Florida for planting 7,800 trees. Award #57-4 Birds or Butterfly Sanctuary on School Grounds awarded to WGC for Binks Forest for 9/2016 - 6/2017. Natalie Batista, a 9th grader at Wellington High School, won the NGC poetry award for her poem "Let It Grow."

6. Garden Tour: Date set for April 13, 2019 at Wellington's Deeridge Farm owned by the Jacobs family. All District X club President's will receive a postcard & email with the flyer. Needs to be posted on FFGC and District X websites.

7. District X meeting: October 24, 2018 at Atlantis Country Club. Key note speaker is Molly Sims, who will be speaking on Butterfly Gardens & Pollinators.

B. Recording Secretary:

1. Minutes of the March 26, 2018 BOD minutes were corrected. Motion made by Twig Morris and seconded by Stormi Bivin to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

2. Discussion of the approval of the April general membership meeting minutes was discussed. Stormi Bivin made a motion that the BOD review and make suggested edits to the April 2, 2018 general membership meeting minutes. Carol Lazzarino seconded. Motion carried.

3. April 2, 2018 WGC general membership meeting minutes were reviewed and corrected. Motion to approve minutes dated April 2, 2018 as amended and present to WGC general membership in September was made by Doreen Baxter and seconded by Mary Drexler. Motion carried.

C. Treasurer:

1. See WGC website for detailed report. May 31 is deadline for expenses to be submitted.

2. Member education reimbursement is over budget.

3. Guests' attendance at Spring Luncheon will exceed 17/18 budget.

4. Dues income line item was discussed and left as is.

5. Insurance will be re-evaluated.

6. Member education reimbursements needs oversight so members receiving \$ should be giving back to club. Bring back Horticultural Moment, Environmental, or the like at each meeting. Wording to clarify policy will be sent to Articles of Association committee.

7. With a few minor changes, the BOD will approve the 2018/2019 Budget and refer to the general membership for a vote of approval.

II. Committee Reports

A. Youth: Wellington HS is requesting prepayment of budgeted dollars because of irrigation issues. Consensus of group was not to approve this item.

B. Membership: Post at sign in table a list of members whose birthdays are that month.

C. Articles of Association: Updated and available on the WGC website

D. New Chairmen Needed for: Newsletter, Awards, Youth Awards, Adopt-A-Street. Carol Coleman will call during the summer. Have a write-up of each area and share with new members and combine with mentoring. Post on website.

E. Website: Paypal - refer to August BOD meeting.

F. Time line update: one meeting has taken place and additional ones will be scheduled to complete this task.

G. Flower Show update: Jan Seagrave and the BOD applauded Twig for her excellent leadership in holding this show. Twig read her report. Report attached.

H. National Garden Week: First week of June. Village of Wellington will write a proclamation and Twig will be the BOD know the date it will be presented to WGC. WGC will donate The Saved Seed to the Wellington library. Recognize the Wellington Green Mall for their sponsorship and hosting of A Tropical Heatwave.

I. Scholarship Committee: See report attached for details. All budgeted funds will be used and recipients will be introduced and honored at Spring Luncheon.

J. Around & Abouts: Suggestions are needed for trips this summer. Kravis, Norton, etc.

III. New Business:

A. Habitat for Humanity: Memorandum of Understanding with Habitat for Humanity is being dissolved. How should WGC proceed? We still desire to plant native trees.

B. WGC membership Meetings: Mary Drexler has received comments from members who have expressed interest in changing the timing of our monthly meeting. A break is needed between the meeting and the speaker per Caren Griffin. E-mail members to determine interest in changing the meal and format of the meetings: Coffee/Social - Business Meeting-Speaker **OR** Business Meeting-Brunch-Speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm

Maria Wolfe

Recording Secretary *copies of attachments referenced in these minutes may be obtained on the Wellington Garden Club website

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Scholarship Committee – April 30, 2018

John Siena, Chair

The scholarship committee has vetted, interviewed, and chosen the following students for WGC scholarship awards:

using the full \$3K

- Chole Lacouture
 - Student at Palm Beach Central HS
 - Educator – Megan Hitchcock (Science Dept)
- Julie Cesta
 - Student at Wellington HS
 - Educator – Karen Clawson (Science Dept)
- Derek Howell
 - Student at PBSC
 - Educator – Dr. Jessica Miles (Dept Chair, Environmental Science)

These students and educators will be attending our luncheon as guests. We are arranging a reserved table for them.

Thank you WGC for continuing this very important contribution to our gardening and environmental future. These students are our next generation of leaders.

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