

**Wellington Garden Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 27, 2018  
Wellington Community Center**

Meeting called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jan Seagrave at 9:34 a.m. Officers in attendance: Evvy Bartley, Mary Drexler, Barbara Hadsell, Jan Seagrave, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, and Maria Wolfe. Absent Carol Coleman, Caren Griffin,

Committee Chairs in Attendance: Doreen Baxter, Stormi Bivin, Carol Lazzarino, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Dee Rolfe, and Terrienne Tuskes **Absent:** JoAnn Akins, Kay Brown, Linda DeSanti, Claire Falik, Lisa Ferrano Denise Friedlander, Ann Hlasnicek, Larry Grosser, Kate Kouba, Phil Macnak, Betty Naulty, Diane Rice, Tina Richter, Harriet Samuels, John Siena, Janet Stein, Pamela Stokes, Cass Stryker and Jim Thompson.

Member At Large: Deb Russell

There is a quorum in attendance for this meeting: 14 (Carol Lazzarino and Dee Rolfe count as 1)

First Vice President Jan Seagrave welcomed all, established the quorum, and reminded all to silence cell phones. Approval for the minutes of the May 30, 2018 BOD meeting were set aside to be approved at the September BOD meeting. Motion was made by Doreen Baxter to ratify the July 28, 2018 E-poll minutes of the Executive committee approving the appointment of Danese Sloan-Kendall to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Silvia Evans. Seconded by Kathy Siena. Motion carried.

**I. Officers' Reports**

**A. Treasurer:**

1. Danese presented 2017-2018 P&L Budget vs Actual and the P&L Budget vs. Actual June 2018 – 8/24/2018. She noted a few items should have been paid for in last fiscal year's budget.
2. Committee Budgets:
  - Name Correction from Leadership Training to Wekiva Leadership Training.
  - Youth 6809 – change "Liaison" to "Leader" for Janet Stein and Tim Hadsell only.
  - Reimbursement Form should be updated to reflect the new Treasurer's name and address.
  - A discussion ensued on how to send out Committee Chair Budget to absent Committee Chairmen. This meeting was important for all committee chairmen. Send an email to absent (only) committee chairs with budget attached. Ask Carol to announce at general membership meeting that all are invited to attend BOD meeting.
3. Need breakdown on Garden Tour budget. At the September WGC meeting Carol Coleman will obtain committee members.
4. Discussion ensued on storage space cost of \$50.00/month that was not budgeted.
5. Luncheon committee chairs need to stick to budget. Last year they went over.

6. Membership Education Reimbursement is being handled by Evvy Bartley. WGC went over budget last year. Who is in charge of approving? Perhaps look at the procedures and policy in place of \$100 per course per member with a maximum of \$200 for year per member.
7. Membership Dues handling was discussed. Form & check go to Mary Drexler, Membership Chair. Mary sends form and check to Carol Ralph, Membership Data Manager, for her to update spreadsheet for the FFGC and District X breakdown. Carol sends check and FFGC form to Treasurer. Danese Sloan-Kendall and Carol Ralph will work together to effect a smooth flow of paperwork and transmission of checks.
8. Cash in bank \$13,600 (copy of Financials are attached)

**B. 1<sup>st</sup> VP:**

1. Doreen Baxter made a motion to appoint Barbara Ricksen as a Member-At-Large. Deb Russell seconded. Motion carried.
2. Insurance coverage was discussed. The premium has been paid but coverage required by Village of Wellington was questioned. Danese Sloan Kendall was going to verify the policy and send an e-copy to Carol Coleman.

**C. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP:**

1. Caren Griffin can use her budgeted funds to purchase a \$25 gift card to give to all WGC speakers who are not selling their own products at the general membership meetings.

**D. Corresponding Secretary:**

1. Condolence card sent to Carol Brody on the death of her husband.
2. Thank you note received from Wellington Library for the flowers delivered in honor of National Garden Week.

**II. Standing Committee Reports**

- A. Articles of Association: Amendment Committee** Meeting postponed to September/October. Article #8 will be discussed at next meeting.
- B. Website:** Doreen is updating the website. She asked all BOD members to review all areas for correction, edits, etc.
- C. Newsletter:** Gone to printer today. Extra copies will be made available at the members' desk at the monthly membership meeting of WGC.
- D. Nominating committee:** Will be formed later in the year to nominate members for the Executive Committee for the 2019-2021 years. If you are interested in serving, please contact Jan Seagrave.

**III. Special Committee Reports**

- A. Holiday Luncheon:** Barbara Ricksen and Stormi Bivin are working on raffle baskets. Cass Stryker and Mary Anne Greely are co-chairing the event to be held on December 3 at Wellington National Golf Club. The WGC website has a checklist in the forms section for luncheon committee.
- B. NGC Landscape Design School Newscapes:** Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Paige Griffin and Claudia wrote and submitted an article and pictures to the National Garden Club magazine, "Newscapes" on the Jacobs Farm – the site of the single garden tour taking place in April 2019.

- C. **Special Fund Raiser:** Tickets to the TKA musical Newsies can now be purchased from Stormi Bivin for \$35.00. Upcoming shows are Titanic in March, and Miss Saigon in April. Plan to attend.
- D. **Membership:** 2 volunteers are need to take WGC attendees around and introduce them to existing members on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Plan to arrive at 9:30am
- E. **Youth Gardens:** There are six (6) gardens at various schools in the western communities. A meeting for all interested will be held on 8/29 at 3:30 at the home of Kathy Siena.
- F. **Community Garden:** Kathy for John Siena reported that fire ants have invaded the vegetable beds so the Village of Wellington is working on eradicating them in an organic way. No work can be done until this has been accomplished.
- G. **Scholarships:** The checks have been mailed to the colleges for those awarded the scholarships in May.
- H. **Around & Abouts:** Date change to September 13 for all interested to attend Panther Ridge Conservation Center. A charge of \$25.00 will apply. The center is moving from Palm Beach County so this is a great time to visit before they relocate.
- I. **Mentoring:** Seven (7) new members enrolled in the WGC in April. A member's home is still needed to host the New Member Reception. Please consider volunteering your home.

#### IV. Unfinished Business

- A. **Storage Facility:** 5'x5' facility is currently being rented by WGC at a cost of \$50.00/month. Keys are in possession of Doreen Baxter, Jan Seagrave, and Carol Coleman. No one knows if we have a contract or if we are on a month-to-month basis. A time to complete an inventory is being scheduled. Twig Morris, Deb Russell, Barbara Ricksen and Jan Seagrave will compile an inventory of the storage unit.
- B. **Coffee at monthly membership meetings:** WGC spent \$739 on coffee during the last year. The consensus was to have volunteer(s) arrive early to plug in the coffee pot so it will be ready for the arrival of members and guests.
- C. **Three (3) minute timer for all reports/speakers:** Will be reinstated at the monthly membership meetings. Mary Drexler asked for additional time to introduce guests and new members.
- D. **New! Horticulture and Plant Design:** Linda DeSanti will chair Horticulture and Floral Design committee. This will be part of member education. She or a designee will speak on a plant or floral design concept and display the item to the club.
- E. **Chamber of Commerce:** Finance committee voted not to join the Wellington Chamber of Commerce for the 2018-2019 year. Danese Sloan Kendall recommended that since Roxanne Stein is the new president and she (along with other club members) know her, it might be valuable to reconsider the decision.

#### V. Announcements:

- A. On September 22, 2018 the annual Tree Planting will take place at Peaceful Waters Sanctuary. 500 trees are scheduled to be planted and Kathy Siena would like all members to attend.
- B. Paypal representative will attend the September 24, 2018 BOD meeting to discuss the program and its related costs.

#### VI. New Business:

- A. Stormi Bivin has 500+ seed packets to distribute. They are being donated from Rocky's Ace Hardware in Wellington.
- B. Stormi Bivin also invited anyone who would like croton cuttings to come to her house as she is cutting back her plants.
- C. Seed Fest every Tuesday during the month of September from 9:00am – 11:00am at the Loaves & Fishes Garden on the West Palm Beach Elks property on Belvedere Rd. Continental breakfast will be furnished.
- D. Habitat for Humanity, Pine Jog and WGC Memo of Understanding has been dissolved. As this point WGC is the only funder.
- E. Historian chair: Deb Russell was surprised to see her name on the website as the chair for this position. No one knows if Betty McNulty has resigned this position. Carol Coleman will approach Betty and follow up with Deb.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46am

Maria Wolfe Amended September 25, 2018

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