

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Meeting Minutes
Community Center, Wellington FL
January 7, 2019

I. Call To Order

- A. Meeting called to order at 10:13 AM by President Carol Coleman
- B. Quorum established
- C. The Membership was asked to silence their cell phones.
- D. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.
- E. John Siena and Barbara Gerkin volunteered to review the minutes of this meeting for edits.
- F. Harriet Samuels introduced several Wekiva campers. Each student had an opportunity to state what they liked about Wekiva. See attached report for more details.
- G. Lisa Ferrano introduced Lynn Gunnels (granddaughter of WGC members Diana and Jim Thompson), the SEEK student who received a scholarship from WGC to attend camp in Silver Springs, FL. Lynn spoke about the impact the camp has had on her and her desire to further her education in environmental issues.

II. Officer's Reports

- A. President:
 - 1. WGC members had a chance to buy raffle tickets for two unclaimed raffle baskets from the Holiday Luncheon.
 - 2. Tropical Short Course – Kathy Siena's report as the External Events Liaison is attached
 - 3. WGC pins are available for \$5.00
 - 4. Please be sure to pick up your yearbook if you have not already received it.
- B. Recording Secretary: Minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously without a motion or second.
- C. Treasurer: Danese Sloan-Kendall gave the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2018. She reported a Holiday Luncheon profit of \$2,299 was earned. A copy of this report is available on the WGC website.
 - 1. Current Chairs need to get in touch with Danese for Budget forecast for next year. A preliminary budget is needed by March 15, 2019
 - 2. The storage unit will be terminated as of January 31, 2019.
- D. 1st VP – Jan Seagrave reminded everyone of the Shredding Event taking place on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 9:00am – 12:00. The entire community will be able to bring confidential paperwork and have it shredded right in front of them. Save your shredding so you can bring it to the event. It will be held at PNC Bank on Forest Hill Blvd. The cost is \$5.00 for an 8x10 box and \$10.00 for an 11x14 box. It will be held in the parking lot of PNC Bank on Forest Hill Blvd. All monies received will benefit the scholarship fund and the gardens supported by Wellington Garden Club.

III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Articles of Association – A motion was made by Harriet Samuels and seconded by Barbara Hadsell to approve changes made to Article 8. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. The Policy Committee will meet on January 15 at 2:30 at the home of Kathy Siena to review member education reimbursements and other possible revisions needed.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. The Penny Pines Jar was passed.
- B. Holiday Luncheon: Cass Stryker thanked her committee for the hard work and effort they put into making the luncheon one of the most profitable and successful ever.
- C. Wellington Garden Club.
- D. Fertilizer Fundraiser is 365 time release and will be available in February 2019. Purchase yours today. 2 lb bags will be sold at the Garden Tour.
- E. Fundraising at TKA: Stormi Bivin is currently selling tickets for Titanic on March 9, 2019 Future shows will include Miss Saigon and Newsies will be performed again due to popular demand. Please see her report attached.
- F. Membership: Carolyn Lowe and Sharon Millette announced the guests and new members, Annmarie Banchy and Alison Albury. Membership is now at 147.
- G. Youth Garden Report: Kathy Siena thanked the Youth Garden liaisons for their commitment to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment. Please see her complete report attached.
- H. Garden Tour: Buy your ticket today!!! Reports available on the website. Allowing vendors, Golf carts are \$350 per cart. Publicity is being handled by Claire Falik and she reported that she is sending letter to Districts IX, X, XI, and XII. The Jacob family is providing programs. The tour will last 1 hour. Paige Griffin asked for Drone Footage of the garden. Flyers are available for each member to solicit attendees.
- I. Around & Abouts: Terrienne Tuskes was booking seats for the Fairchild Gardens Tour in Miami on January 17. A comfort bus is being provided for this trip. Encourage a friend to join you.

- V. **Horticultural Moment:** Stormi Bivin gave an informative report on the Day and Night Blooming Cereus. Please see her report attached. Linda DeSanti displayed her talents in taking store bought bouquets and making them into beautiful flower arrangements.

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. WGC Scrapbooks: The scrapbooks compiled by past Historians are being donated to the newly formed Wellington Historical Society for preservation and safe keeping. They will be accessible to all simply by contacting the Historical Society.
- B. Dr. Kimberly Anne Moore was the speaker and her subject was “Home Irrigation and Ways to Conserve Water”

Meeting adjourned at 11:25

Maria Wolfe, Recording Secretary

Please visit WGC.org for attachments and more information on items mentioned in these minutes.

Maria

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External Events Liaison-Kathy Siena Report

Tropical Short Course is the one of the most important and exciting events coming very soon. Wednesday, January 23 and Thursday, January 24 from 8 am to 3 pm will be a two-day event sponsored by FFGC/District X at the beautiful Embassy Suites by Hilton in Palm Beach Gardens. Each year, the course presents new dynamic and interesting speakers on the environment, gardening, landscape design and floral design. Vendors and raffles will be available. The members price is \$75 for the two-day course which includes breakfast and lunch both days. This is a fun event where you will meet lots of new people and see old friends from all over Florida. The registration deadline is this Friday, January 11. Our registrar is Bobbi Ziegler. Would you please stand, Bobbi? Please see Bobbi if you have any questions about registration and me for any other questions. There is a poster at the sign-up table with more details. Thank you.

REGISTRATION FORM

FFGC DISTRICT X ~ 63rd ANNUAL TROPICAL SHORT COURSE

Tropical Journey

Wednesday, January 23 &
Thursday, January 24, 2019

Embassy Suites by Hilton - Palm Beach Gardens
4350 PGA Boulevard,
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

From the South: I-95 Exit 79B, Under I-95, then U-Turn at Military Trail Traffic Light, Hotel on Right
From the North: I-95 Exit 79, Right on PGA Blvd, U-Turn at Military Trail Traffic Light, Hotel on Right
From Florida's Turnpike: Exit 109, Left on PGA Blvd, Hotel on Right just after Military Trail Traffic Light

Print Name: _____

Garden Club: _____ District: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ EMail: _____

___ \$75 Complete Two-Day Course, FFGC /NGC Members (add \$25 for Late Registration)

___ \$85 Complete Two-Day Course, No FFGC/NGC Affiliation (add \$25 for Late Registration)

___ \$60 Wednesday Only - FFGC Member (add \$30 for Late Registration)

___ \$65 Wednesday Only - No FFGC Affiliation (add \$30 for Late Registration)

___ \$60 Thursday Only - FFGC Member (add \$30 for Late Registration)

___ \$65 Thursday Only - No FFGC Affiliation (add \$30 for Late Registration)

Late Registration postmarked after Friday, January 11, 2019 ~ NO REFUNDS after Jan 18th, 2019

Continental Breakfast and Deli Lunch Buffet included with each day of registration.

NUMBERED SEATING BY DATE OF REGISTRATION

NO WALK INS accepted

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Checks Payable to: FFGC - District X

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION. ONE FORM PER PERSON.

Mail Form and Check to TSC Registrar: Bobbi Ziegler

8837 Via Brilliante, Wellington, FL 33411-6529

Hotel Reservations: FFGC Rate \$195/night for 1-4 occupants before Dec. 15th (Call 561-622-1000) **Code TSC**

Article 8: ~~Executive Committee~~ Officers

Section 8.1 ~~Executive Committee~~ Officers

The ~~Executive Committee~~ (EC) Officers shall include the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Parliamentarian (appointed by the President), and the immediate Former President, *ex-officio*.

Section 8.2 Election and Term of Office

Elected Officers shall be elected in the odd year by the membership at the regularly scheduled April meeting. To hold office, one must have been an active member for at least one year. Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, with the exception of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, whose terms shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms. No other officer may be elected for more than one (1) consecutive term in the same office. At the expiration of their terms of office, the ~~Executive Committee members~~ Officers shall turn over to their successors all records of their Offices.

Section 8.3 Installation

Officers shall be installed in May, and begin their term as of June 1st. It is intended that during the period of time after installation until June 1st, the outgoing officers shall assist the newly elected officers in assuming their positions.

Section 8.4 ~~Executive Committee Members~~ Officers Duties and Responsibilities

Section 8.4.a President

The President shall preside at all membership and Board of Directors meetings, shall appoint the Parliamentarian, shall appoint Standing Committee Chairs and shall be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer. The President shall be a member *ex-officio* of all committees, except the nominating committee, and shall work closely with the appointed chairs. The President shall call special meetings of the ~~Executive Committee~~ Officers, Board of Directors, committee chairs, and the membership when deemed necessary. The President shall be responsible for all legal documents that shall be kept in the Club files and shall maintain the list of duties and responsibilities pertinent to committees.

Section 8.4.b First Vice President

The First Vice President shall work with the President in all matters pertaining to the operating efficiency of the Club, and conduct business of the Club in the absence of the President. The First Vice President shall assist the Second Vice President in the selection

of programs for the fiscal year. The First Vice President shall report directly to the President. It is intended that the First Vice President shall succeed the President. It shall be the duty of the First Vice President to order a Past President's Pin to be given to the President at the end of his/her term of office. The pin shall be presented to the President at the May meeting at the expiration of the President's term of office, and the President's Pin shall be given to the incoming President.

Section 8.4.c *Second Vice President*

The Second Vice President shall chair the Program Committee. The Second Vice President shall arrange for the upcoming club year's programs before July 15th, being careful not to repeat topic programs in consecutive years. Confirmation letters are mailed or sent electronically immediately after a speaker has been invited and scheduled, with a reminder phone call or electronic notification two weeks prior to the scheduled date. A small gift or honorarium is presented to the speaker (or the organization the speaker represents) on the day of his/her appearance and a thank you note is provided. The Second Vice President assists in duties related to the office of the President as requested, and assumes the duties of the President and the First Vice President in the simultaneous absence of both of these officers. The Second Vice President is not obligated to succeed to First Vice President.

Section 8.4.d *Treasurer*

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all money received. All money coming into the Club shall go to the Treasurer, unless otherwise stipulated by the President. The funds of the Club shall be deposited in such banks as may be designated by the ~~Executive Committee~~ Board of Directors. All monies to be disbursed shall be transacted by the Treasurer and in agreement with the ~~Executive Committee~~ Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall sign warrants and contracts. The Assistant Treasurer followed by the President shall act as alternates in the absence of the Treasurer and have instruction on how to withdraw funds. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee. All checks drawn upon the funds of the Club shall require the signature of the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer or the President. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed by the CPA within 60 days of the close of the fiscal year. Receipts must accompany a request for reimbursement, unless approved by the President. Any expenditure within a given budget account that exceeds the budgeted amount by more than \$75, must receive prior ~~EC~~ Board approval. At the expiration of the Treasurer's term(s), all funds, assets, and records of the Club shall be turned over to the successor.

Section 8.4.e *Assistant Treasurer*

The Assistant Treasurer shall serve at the ~~discretion~~ direction of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer and President shall act as alternates in the absence of the

Treasurer. All checks drawn upon funds of the Club shall require one signature of the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer or the President. He/she shall send dues notices by March 15th via USPS, electronic notice or inclusion in the *Allamanda News*.

Section 8.4.f *Recording Secretary*

The Recording Secretary shall keep records of the meetings of the Club, be custodian of all records and papers pertaining to this office, and present any recommendations from the Board to the membership. The Recording Secretary shall collect and attach to the minutes of the monthly meetings written reports submitted by officers and committee chairs who addressed the meeting. The minutes shall be forwarded to the webmaster for posting and shall be held on file for five fiscal years.

Section 8.4.g *Corresponding Secretary*

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence as instructed by the President, keep all letters on file, and read incoming correspondence at membership meetings.

Section 8.4.h *Parliamentarian*

The Parliamentarian shall assist the President on points of parliamentary procedure and fulfill the required duties as outlined in “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th Edition”.

Section 8.7.5 *Vacancy and Resignation*

Section 8.7.5 a *Vacancy*

An ~~Executive Committee member’s~~ Officer’s position shall be declared vacant if the member is unable to perform the duties outlined above. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the First Vice President shall succeed to the office. All vacancies among other ~~Executive Committee members~~ Officers shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President with the approval of the ~~Executive Committee~~. Board of Directors.

Section 8.7.5 b *Resignation*

A letter of resignation must be submitted in writing to the President as soon as the ~~Executive Committee member~~ Officer becomes aware that he/she must resign. A resignation vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President with the approval of the ~~Executive Committee~~. Board of Directors.

Section 8.6 *Executive Committee*

Section 8.6. a *Meetings*

The Officers become the Executive Committee (EC) when the President calls a special meeting of the Officers.

Section 8.5 6.b *Executive Committee ~~Function~~ Duties and Responsibilities*

It shall be the duty of the EC to transact business requiring immediate action, either in session or by electronic polling between meetings of the Board of Directors in accordance with Standing Rule 12. The President shall make every effort to contact all members of the EC. The EC shall submit a full report at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors *for ratification*.

Section 8.6. c *Quorum*

EC business may be conducted by majority rule at a meeting at which there is a quorum consisting of five (5) voting officers.

Maria

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Youth Gardens Report, Kathy Siena-Chair

Good Morning ladies and gentlemen. I wish you all a very happy new year. WGC sponsors six youth gardens: 3 elementary schools-Binks Forest Elementary, Wynnebrook Ele, and Pine Jog Ele, 2 high schools-Wellington and Palm Beach Central as well as Girl Scout Troop 22222. Would the following youth garden liaisons please stand and be recognized? Kathy Schneider, Janet Stein, Tim Hadsell, Twig Morris, Roxanne Henry and Lisa Ferrano. Thank you for fulfilling our mission "to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment". As chair of the Youth Gardens, I think it is important to give you an update on the gardens.

Binks Forest liaison-Kathy Schneider reported the following: "Binks began their school year in a very sorry state of neglect and damage. We had to replace all destroyed beds. We appreciate donations received from our local Rocky's Ace Hardware store to help with supplies. The first graders are working hard on their Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters to submit for the NGC Youth Contest. The butterfly, vegetable, flower and pumpkin patch gardens are now thriving. Teacher and garden leader, Starla Davis, has been a great help. We were planning a salad luncheon when the whiteflies took over. Wanting to be environmentally-conscious, we ordered 1500 ladybugs to help correct the problem. I will check on the white fly issue when we return to the garden on Wednesday. Replacing regular milkweed plants with giant milkweed brought us 5 varieties of butterflies. For Christmas, I gave my kids a book "Little Chip eats at the Polo Club" by a local author, Missy Carol. She is going to speak with them next month. "Thank you, Kathy.

Wynnebrook leaders-Janet Stein and Tim Hadsell are working very hard at the garden. The following expert by Barbara Hadsell is taken from the latest Allamanda Newsletter which you can read in full on page 6. The leaders helped the Junior Gardeners plant vegetable seedlings in the square foot garden raised beds in the courtyard at the school. They also decorated flowerpots of nasturtiums they grew from seed. The students took them home as gifts to their families for the holidays. Volunteers are welcome to help at the garden on Wednesday afternoons.

Pine Jog Ele liaison Twig Morris reports that the gardens are thriving under the leadership of school teacher, Susan Hahn and all the funds from WGC have been used to buy garden equipment and other needed supplies.

Girl Scout Troop 22222 liaison Kathy Siena. The girl scouts and their leaders have been working very hard to keep their native plant and butterfly garden at the dog park in good condition. Weeds proliferate very quickly there. I will share some beautiful photos from their garden in the next WGC newsletter.

There are no further reports.

Penelope, the Day Blooming Cereus

This plant's botanical name is an epiphyllum.

It is sometimes referred to as an orchid cactus, but it is not related to an orchid at all. It looks like a cactus, but it is not a cactus.

If you google "day blooming cereus", you'll see a myriad of colors for these beauties. Mine is a very deep pink/red variety and in full sun in my screen enclosure. I have her elevated on a plant stand - her maturing growth habit is a trailing, cascading plant.

I fertilize her 2-3 times/year. She'll start blooming in May or June and end in fall.

If you start with a small cutting, like those on the plant raffle table, It will be a few years before yours will be mature enough to give you blooms, but be patient. It's worth the wait - she's gorgeous. The flowers only last for one to two days!

Audrey, the Night Blooming Cereus

- This plant's botanical name is an epiphyllum oxypetalum, sometimes called "Queen of the Night". I received my cutting from Dale Hesser. This plant has been in his family for 80 years!
- When mature, the pure white flowers are almost as large as a dinner plate and very fragrant. I fertilize her 1-2 times/year. She blooms fall to spring.
- What's so unusual about this plant? She blooms at night, beginning to open around 10 or 11 PM, and each bloom lasts only for several hours. In the morning, the blossoms are closed up. That blossom will not re-open, but others that are growing on the plant will grace you with their beautiful blooms another night.
- If you share with others, you'll find that theirs are blooming on the same night as yours!
- If you start with a cutting, like those on the plant raffle table, it will be a year or two before yours will be mature enough to give you blooms, but be patient. It's worth the wait - she's gorgeous. Have our friends over one night for a night blooming cereus party!