

Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Officers in attendance: Jan Seagrave, Maria Wolfe, John Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Carol Ralph, Kate Kouba, Kathy Schneider, Carol Coleman

Committee Chairs in attendance: Alison Albury, Linda DeSanti, Carol Lazzarino, Tina Richter, Diane Rice, Dee Rolfe, Deb Russell, Kathy Siena, Barbara Zenker, Bobbie Ziegler

Additional Member Present: Barbara Rickson

Absent: JoAnn Akins, Evvy Bartley, Stormi Bivin, Kay Brown, Lisa Ferrano, Maxine Fisher, Larry Grosser, Barbara Hadsell, Kathy Hernicz, Twig Morris, Adele Rubin, Harriet Samuels, Janet Stein, Jim Thompson, Terrienne Tuskes

I. Meeting called to order at 9:35 by Jan Seagrave

- A. Quorum established:
- B. Reminded all to silence their cell phones.
- C. Everyone in attendance was reminded to sign in.
- D. Kathy Schneider and Kate Kouba will review the minutes of the current meeting and edit if necessary. Kathy and John Siena will review minutes of next BOD meeting.

II. **Officer Reports**

A. **President's Report** (Jan Seagrave)

- a. Storage Unit – Twig Morris advised she could no longer store WGC items in her garage so she found another storage unit for \$35.95/month, off of Southern and West of Jog. If anything is needed from storage call Twig or Jan. Twig is taking care of the inventory and Jan has access.
- b. An Articles of Association and Policy Review Committee Chair is needed. Carol Coleman volunteered to chair both of the committees.
- c. The yearbooks are here. Many beautiful photos were submitted which made it hard to choose. Joan Kaplan's photo was chosen for the cover. Members present signed for their yearbook and received them after the meeting. There was a savings of \$132.00 by using a new printer, Banyan Printing, over quotes given by three other printers. 165 were printed, which is the number previously printed.
- d. Some vacant chairmanships need to be filled: 1) **Publicity**, discussion followed, including: Kathy Siena stated this chair contacts local newspapers (maybe 6) with a blurb about the monthly meetings; and from Deb Russell; "You need to get the announcements at the right time to the publications"; 2) **Plant Sales**, 3) **Spring Luncheon** and 4) **two Members at Large**. Jan Seagrave asked that if anyone knows of anyone who would like to handle those chairmanships, please let her know.

B. Carol Ralph was introduced and the Board of Directors was advised of the various jobs she is doing/has done, Website Liaison, put the Yearbook together, Mailchimp, Recording Secretary, District X National Garden Week Chair.

Jan asked if there were any changes or additions to the **Minutes of the 4-29-2019 Board of Directors Meeting**. Carol Coleman moved to the accept 4-29-2019 minutes and John Siena seconded. Approved. No comments were made by Recording Secretary.

- C. **Treasurer's Report** (Danese Sloan-Kendall) - This report is just through today. A final will be prepared for the membership meeting. Danese advised what was done this summer; 1) the IRS report is finished, 2) the Department of Agriculture report is finished and sent in; 3) the **Treasurer's Report (cont.)** Garden Club Insurance is renewed for the year which is \$550.00 for the year and includes the Village of Wellington; 4) the CPA review was completed. An up-to-

date balance of our income since May 27, 2019 is only \$767.00, which includes a few membership dues, Environmental Education income from the turtle walk. Our expenses for the summer were about \$5,070.00. This is primarily management operating expenses which include the Yearbook, environmental education, holiday luncheon deposit, the blue star marker that we ordered and our storage fees. The Garden Club checking account is about \$36,600. We need about half of that money to cover the extra cost for this year. That leaves us only about a year if we don't have any large fundraisers this year. An updated treasurer's report and a P&L will be prepared before the membership meeting.

- D. **1st Vice President** – Maria Wolfe – Maria reported (report copy attached) on the Blue Star Memorial Marker, which included the history (see attached report). The purchase of this blue star marker was approved by the Executive committee by electronic ballot in June. The process of getting required approvals, ordering and actual manufacturing takes several months. Maria was able to make this happen so that the installation and unveiling ceremony will happen on Veterans Day, November 11, 2019 at Veterans Park. Maria and Jan Seagrave will meet with Village of Wellington personnel (Jim Barnes and Michelle Garvey) to coordinate the ceremony with their planned event. There may be small upkeep expenses in the future. Carol Coleman moved to approve the expense for this Blue Star Memorial Marker. Barbara Zenker seconded. Approved.
- E. **2nd Vice President** – John Siena – The speakers for the upcoming meetings are all set. We have speakers on miniature design, native plants gardening, managing pests, Everglades restoration and more. John also reported that the community garden will be prepped in early October with help from the Village. We are still getting support from the Young Professionals.
- F. Kathy Schneider was introduced as the new **parliamentarian**.
- G. **Corresponding Secretary** – Kate Kouba reported that there were 10 people to whom cards were sent out this summer. She also showed a card which was created by Carol Ralph which she will use for the future. Carol Coleman has purchased a box of cards which will be printed with the club logo by Carol Ralph and used by Kate in the future. After discussion, it was decided that immediate family is the guideline for whom cards will be sent out to club members. Exceptions to that will be at the discretion of Kate Kouba, the corresponding secretary.

III. **Standing Committee Reports**

- A. **Articles of Association** – Carol Coleman has volunteered to chair this committee
- B. **Finance** – There were various discussions regarding the Committee Chair Budgets.
 - a. It was explained that the difference between the budgets for the Spring and the Holiday Luncheons is that the Awardees of the Scholarships and their sponsors are invited to the Spring Luncheon and the extra money is needed to pay for their lunch.
 - b. Another topic for discussion is whether profits made on an event; e.g. profits made from a raffle at the Spring Luncheon can be added to the budget for an upcoming event such as the Holiday Luncheon. The treasurer stated this is common practice; also, each committee chair is allowed expenditures of \$75.00 over the budget without requiring Board approval.
 - c. Carol Coleman, in Janet Stein's absence, brought an email written by Barbara Hadsell, requesting an increase to the Wynnebrook budget (see attached report). After much discussion, it was decided to table this request for the October meeting. Kathy Siena is to research additional information regarding additional funding Wynnebrook may receive.
 - d. The President asked to clarify what the External Events Liaison does and who does it. Kathy clarified the meaning of this position. This position usually goes to the former president. This started with Twig Morris, came down to Kathy Siena, and is now Carol
 - d. (cont) Coleman. The purpose is to inform the members about District X, Deep South, FFGC and NGC events and news that occurs.

- e. The Treasurer brought up Publicity – it was not given a budget. And, as yet we do not have a chair.
- f. There was also discussion about Floral Design (6807) (\$100 budget), Garden Art Workshops (\$100 budget) and Horticultural Design (\$0 budget). Carol Lazzarino moved that the Floral Design budget be moved to the Flower Show budget. Linda DeSanti seconded. It was approved. Per Linda DeSanti, Horticultural Design does not need funds.
- g. There is no budget for a Plant Sale. There will be none until a committee chair steps forward. Jan Seagrave will contact the Community Center to find out if we can get a date in March.
- h. There was discussion regarding Education Reimbursement. Danese Sloan-Kendall advised her research shows that there are individuals who have taken advantage of this in the past and have not contributed anything to the club. The new form which was created last season requires that the individual mark on the form the specific method they will use to contribute, e.g. chair a committee. There is no way of tracking this. John Siena stated what we are talking about is policing the reimbursement of educational expenses. Kate Kouba suggested that the member prove their commitment to the club before they are approved and reimbursed for the education. Jan Seagrave tabled this discussion for another time.
- i. Diane Rice requested additional moneys for the Coastal Beach Cleanup coming up in September. She wants to add the \$85.00 which she made as a profit from the Turtle Watch to the Budget for Environmental Education. Please refer to III B.b above. The same points were used. This year's Coastal Cleanup will be at John MacArthur State Park.

C. Newsletter – Tina Richter

- a. The September-October Newsletter is coming out the week of September 2. Tina explained how the Newsletter budget is used in response to Danese Sloan-Kendall's question – printing costs and postage of \$25 – \$50 depending on how many pages are in the Newsletter and \$30.00/month, for the months she uses it, for a software program to assist her in managing the submissions of articles she gets from members. This brings her close to her \$300.00 budget.
- b. Tina also mentioned that from the clubs historical records she has noticed that several of our club members have been members for over 20 years. She asked if we could recognize them in some way. It was generally agreed that that would be a good idea for members of 15 years plus and 20 years plus. Further discussion is tabled until the October BOD meeting after all research has been completed.

D. Website – Carol Ralph

- a. The website is well on the way to being updated. The calendar is up to date with events that have been listed in the yearbook. Event chairs are requested to submit all updates or additional information to Carol to ensure the website is kept up to date.
- b. The Articles of Association and Policies are not yet updated. They will be in the very near future.
- c. Danese asked if the current forms are on the website. They are. Carol is going through the website page by page to ensure all are up to date.
- d. The Company that maintains our website is Systems Design Wizards. The contact there is John Gonzalez. He has been most helpful to Carol as she learns how to maintain the website.

IV. **Special Committee Reports**

- A. **Winter Luncheon** – Bobbi Ziegler/Barbara Zenker reported a contract has been signed and a deposit has been made to The International Polo Club. The cost per member is \$36.00 with an open cash bar. They plan to have a raffle and a table devoted to Toys for Tots. They also requested volunteers to help prior to and the day of the event. Carol Coleman advised that the International Polo Club is going into foreclosure. The Trophy Room has been considered as a backup for this venue. Bobbi and Barbara will continue to work on this event.
- B. **Special Fund Raisers** – In Kathy HERNICZ's absence, Jan Seagrave presented a **fundraiser of coupon books**. See attached report for full details. It is felt there too much competition from Scouting and school groups to allow selling of all of the books and they have to be purchased by the club up front. Also, that there will be low profits. Maria Wolfe suggested that we need to stay in focus to stay in line with our club mission. After this discussion Carol Coleman moved that we do not pursue this fundraiser. Kathy Siena seconded. Approved. Another fundraiser is our **Shredding event** and that is February 22, 2020. We are also selling **fertilizer**. Stormi Bivin has been working on the schedule for **The Kings Academy of Arts**. She was also contacted by TKA about the AIDA performance. We were offered discounted tickets. A **Plant Sale** in the Spring of 2020 is tentative at this point. Jan will contact the Village to see if we can get a date in March.
- C. **Membership** – Alison Albury reported that all of the club members that are on the Membership Committee are in line and are prepared for their various duties at our first membership meeting. Members will be required to sign for their yearbooks to receive them. Alison is in the process of preparing a flyer which will be used to give information to guests, potential members and to be used at events to pass out to interested parties. She also reported changes that have been made to the new member applications.
- D. **Youth Gardens** – Kathy Siena reported to the BOD that there are six gardens in which WGC is supporting. A full report is attached. Kathy Siena explained the finance committee's decision to reduce the Wynnebrook budget to \$400.00. We distributed the money slightly more fairly. Wynnebrook was getting the greater share whereas some of the other gardens were \$50 - \$100.00. Those other gardens were also doing great work. Here is what the distribution is now to make it more fair: Pine Jog \$300, Troup 22222 \$200, Wynnebrook \$400, Palm Beach Central HS \$100, Binks Forest EI \$100, Wellington HS \$300. The clubs that are very active give me all of their budget information. Those are the ones that received a little more portion of it. Wynnebrook still gets the most. Carol Coleman made a motion to table this discussion for additional information. Kathy Siena is to check funds from Oleander, how much Tim Hadsell is getting from grants, is the Elks getting any money to cover insurance, etc.
- E. **Other**
- a. Carol Lazzarino reported on the **Petite Flower Show** "It's a Small World". The flower show will be open to the public from Feb 29 – Mar 1. It will be held at the Wellington Mall like the last show. Because it is a petite standard flower show we have been looking in Horticulture at dwarf and miniature. The description is very vague in the brochure. Even the program has to be petite. The planning meeting is in the 360 room Wednesday September 25th from 1 to 3 p.m. That meeting is open to anyone in the membership. I don't know how many committee chairs we will need but there is something for everyone.
- We're not charging to come in and see the show. The only way we can make money is advertising and raffles. Danese stated she needs more of a breakdown on expenses - how are you going to make \$800 with an income of \$4000 and expenses of \$3200.
- Carol gave the dates of the design meetings (see event calendar on website).
- Linda Desanti - asked about selling plants at the mall during the flower show. The volume would not allow us to make as large a profit on plant sales at the mall during the

- a. (cont) flower show. The flower show is a big undertaking by itself and we don't want to have plant sale at the mall itself and that she is not sure that the mall would allow it. Carol Coleman stated there are books we can sell on these miniature plants at the flower show which would allow a profit. Twig and Carol C and Carol L will discuss this. This is tabled until October.
- Danese advised that when we had the flower show at the mall before there was an insurance cost of about \$800 and that \$800 is not included in the budget that was submitted to her for the Petite Flower Shop.
- b. **Habitat for Humanity** – Due to Lisa Ferrano’s absence, this is tabled until October.
- c. **Wekiva** – Harriet Samuels report was presented by Jan Seagrave. A student wasn’t able to go to Wekiva this year so WGC will be requesting the \$200 be reimbursed. Also, the program for which we paid was not presented this summer. Maria Wolfe made the motion to donate the \$200.00 we had budgeted for a program at Wekiva be donated to their building fund. Bobbie Ziegler seconded it. Motion approved.
- d. Kate Kouba – **Panther Ridge** (Judy Behrens) has requested trees for their new location in Loxahatchee. After much discussion, Kathy Siena suggested that research be done on the cost of suggested native trees and the nurseries in the area that offer those specific native trees. Kathy Siena moved to table this until research is completed. Carol Coleman seconded. Motion approved.
- e. Alison presented information on **club shirts** with two sample shirts. Alison will get samples of the yellow color that is offered. Alison volunteered to lead this project. The BOD approved. This is tabled until October meeting.
- f. Kathy Siena reported on the **Annual Tree Planting**. See attached report.
- g. Dee Rolfe advised that Mayacoo Country Club did not charge WGC the \$250 for the use of the facility for the Spring Luncheon.
- h. Jan Seagrave – asked for Board official approval to hold the Petite Flower Show. Linda DeSanti moved to approve – Kate Kouba seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Ralph
Recording Secretary

Attachments: Blue Star Memorial Marker Attached
Committee Budgets
Environmental Chair report
Wynnebrook budget request
Annual Tree Planting report – Kathy Siena
Youth Gardens Report – Kathy Siena
Community Gardens Report – John Siena
Kathy HERNICZ report on savearoundcouponbook.

August 28, 2019

Maria Wolfe's Presentation to the BOD of WGC

The Blue Star Memorial Program has been in existence through the garden club movement for more than 70 years. National Garden Clubs, Inc. is committed to placing Blue Star Memorial Markers on our Highways and Byways in honor of our nation's Armed Forces.

At the close of World War II, National Garden Clubs (called National Council of State Garden Clubs at the time), like other public-spirited groups, were seeking a suitable means of honoring our service men and women. Garden Club members visualized a living memorial, preferring to help beautify and preserve the country these men and women had fought for, rather than build stone monuments in their honor.

While it originally began to honor World War II veterans, it enlarged its mission in 1951 to include all men and women who had served, were serving or would serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.

THE TRIBUTE LINE ON THE BLUE STAR HIGHWAY AND MEMORIAL MARKERS IS: "A tribute to the Armed Forces who have defended the United States of America" that appears on all Blue Star Highway and Memorial Markers.

Please open your brand new yearbooks to the inside cover and you will see a picture of what a Blue Star Memorial Marker looks like. (Wait for all to look)

At the last BOD meeting of our previous President, Carol Coleman, she suggested that the WGC begin the process to place a Blue Star Memorial Marker in the Village boundaries. I looked at Jan during that meeting and asked her if I could spearhead that drive. Why, because my husband is a Vietnam Veteran.

With her permission, I began the process in June because I discovered the approval process and manufacturing process takes 3 months and the WGC was shooting for a dedication date of Veterans' Day in 2019.

I am happy to announce that we received permission from the Village on July 8. The cost of the marker is \$1,530.00. Because of the timing I mentioned earlier, President Jan Seagrave polled the Executive Committee of the Wellington Garden Club to receive approval to remit the funds to the National Garden Club to begin the manufacturing and approval process. The approval was granted and was unanimous.

Today, I would like to make a motion that the Board of Directors approve the expenditure of \$1,530 for the Blue Star Memorial Marker. Once approved, I will present this to the membership at the September 3, 2019 general meeting for a vote, as well.

VOTE:

The unveiling and dedication will take place on Veterans' Day at the Village of Wellington. Please mark your calendar to be in attendance for the Parade at 8:15 on November 11, 2019 and the ceremony to immediately follow at 8:30. Jan Seagrave and I are meeting the Assistant Village Manager, Jim Barnes and Parks and Rec department rep, Michelle Garvey next week to fine tune the detail.

Youth Gardens Report

BOD Meeting August 28, 2019

Kathy Siena, Chair

In case there are some board members, new or old, who have not heard about our youth gardens, I am happy to report that Wellington Garden Club voted to include six youth gardens in our new budget for the following gardens: Binks Forest Elementary, Girl Scout Troop 22222, Palm Beach Central High School, Pine Jog Elementary School, Wellington High School, and Wynnebrook Elementary School. We thank our liaisons/leaders for continuing their great work with the youth and teachers at these various schools. Thank you, WGC.

I have only two specific updates to give you today. Our liaison at Wellington High School, Roxanne Henry, worked with teacher, Karen Clawson and the youth garden students last weekend around the school grounds to spruce things up before the start of the new school year. They decided to plant more new palm trees with the funds WGC gives to the gardens and the school.

More great news is from Barbara Hadsell about plans for Wynnebrook Elementary Jr Garden where budget support from WGC will be used for a bee presentation. Barbara states: "The Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Club and their classmates will be participating in two programs at the beginning of this school year, before the regular weekly meetings of the club commence. On Tuesday Aug. 20 at 3 pm, Al Salopek will present his program on honeybees called BEE Understanding to 100 of the Wynnebrook Jr GC members and their fellow students in the School's cafeteria. On Thursday, Sept. 19 at 3pm Smokey Bear and the Forest Rangers will give their annual program including the Smokey Bear Poster contest information to all 180 students including the Wynnebrook Juniors."

Community Garden at the Boys & Girls Club of Wellington

WGC BoD meeting 28 August 2019

John C. Siena

- I have nothing that the Board of Directors needs to address
- The Young Professionals of Wellington (YPoW) will continue to support their Community Garden at the Boys & Girls Club both with funds and work at the garden on weekends
- The YPoW will spearhead a publicity undertaking featuring the awards that we received (first place national) from NGC for community gardens and for organic garden procedures. This will likely be sometime after the garden is operational this season.
- The Village of Wellington will clear/prepare the garden beds for us by mid September.
- We plan to have the garden planted the first week of October.
- I will make an appeal for volunteers to help at the garden at the next general membership meeting; we meet at the garden every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM or so.

August 28, 2019 BOD Mtg Report on
Kathy Siena, Event Organizer

Wellington Garden Club is preparing for the tree planting event again this year on National Public Lands Day, Saturday, Sept 28, 2019, 8:30 AM. As a charitable 501 C 3 non-profit organization, this event should be considered important to WGC members, as a way to give back to the Village of Wellington, along with the help of other community groups such as the Boys and Girls Scouts, the local high school environmental clubs, WGC volunteers, Village Council members, the Young Professionals of Wellington, our local churches and others. Everyone is invited to come and help.

August 19, 2019

Wellington Garden Club
For August 2019 Board Meeting

Submitted by Kathy HERNICZ
To Jan Seagrave, President; Carol Ralph, Recording Secretary

New Business

Suggestion for new fundraiser

- SaveAround Coupon Books

Trial base fundraiser, WGC "in house" (members, family/friends). Selling/pickup available through monthly members meeting.

Info/Requirements

- Books arrive in August each year for distribution. Coupons are valid thru December 2020.
- **Organizations must purchase in advance. Cost: \$12.50 per book.** This price is set and is non- negotiable. Usually a minimum of 100 is required to be purchased but seller will allow WGC a reduced minimum of 50. **Cost \$12.50x50=\$625.00**
- Organization sets the selling price. Booklet cover says \$25 but can be sold at any cost. Most are sold for \$25.
- This is a huge fundraiser for schools. **To be competitive, suggest WGC selling price of \$20.**
\$20.00 - \$12.50 = **\$7.50 profit** per book for club

2019-2020 Committee Budgets				
Committee Name	Chairman	Budget Amount	Account # Income	Account # Expense
CIVIC IMPROVEMENT/COMMUNITY OUTREACH				
Adopt-a-Street	Kay Brown & Jim Thompson			
Community Gardens	John & Kathy Siena	350		
Earth Day	Larry Grosser	100		6827
Habitat for Humanity	Barbara Hadsell & Lisa Ferrano	500	4304	6808
National Garden Week	Twig Morris	200		6829
Flower Show	Twig Morris & Susan hillson		4408	6910
COMMUNICATION				
External Events	Kathy Siena <i>Carol Coleman</i>			
Facebook	Kathy Siena			
Historian	Deb Russell	25		6704
Membership	Alison Albury	100	4200	6706
Newsletter	Tina Richter	300	4305	6707
Publicity				
Website	Carol Ralph	350		6712
Yearbook Preparation	Jan, Maria, Rebecca, Carol	850		6713
EDUCATION				
Around & About Trips	Terrienne Tuskes	100	4401	6901
Awards	Twig Morris	100	4301	6802
College Scholarships	John Siena	3000		6814
Environmental Education	Diane Rice	50	4303	6831
Garden Art Workshops	Carol Lazzarino & Dee Rolfe	100	4308	6807
Wekiva LIT Progran	Stormi Bivin	300		6820
SEEK scholarships	Lisa Ferrano	1500	4306	6816
Wekiva Youth Camp	Harriet Samuels	1400	4307	6819
Member Education		2000		6803
Youith Activities			4310	6809
Youth Garden Clubs	Kathy Siena chairman	1400	4310	6809
Pine Jog Elementary	Twig Morris	300	4310	6809
Troup 22222	Siena & Ferrano	200	4310	6809
Wynnebrook Elementary	Janet Stein & Tim Hadsell	400	4310	6809
Palm Beach Central High Sc	Lisa Ferrano	100	4310	6809
Binks Forest Elementary	Kathy Schneider	100	4310	6809
Wellington High School	Roxanne Henry	300	4310	6809
Youth Contests	Janet Stein	50		6809
LANDSCAPING				
Horticulture <i>EWL</i>	Linda DeSanti			
Meeting Plant Raffle	JoAnn Akins	50	4106	6507
Plant Sales				
Wellington Preserve	Kate Kouba	200		6836
SOCIAL EVENTS				
Hospitality	Maxine Fisher	300		6905
Luncheon - Holiday	Bobbi Zeigler & Barbara Zenker	300	4402	6904
Luncheon - Spring		510	4403	6908

FLORAL DESIGN
6807

Community Gardens
6837

Diane Rice - Environmental Chair

Board Meeting on Aug. 28, 2019

We had our turtle watch in June. They were both rainy days. The Monday's group did not get to see the loggerheads lay eggs because it started to pour at 1030 AM and the guides thought it better to be dismissed early. The Wednesday's group saw a leatherhead come to shore and watched a loggerhead lay eggs.

The tickets were \$ 20 and the actual price of the ticket was \$15. I had asked Danese to please put the \$85 profit into the Environmental Education category so that we would have $\$85 + \$50 = \$135$ in our budget.

This year the 2019 ICC Beach Cleanup is at John MacArthur State Park. Phil and I will be providing Marinated Cold Chicken and Hard Boiled Eggs with Salad Greens to include Fruit and Homemade Honey-Dijon Salad Dressing for \$5 per person in advance. Homemade Banana Bread and Cold water will be provided free to our helpers at the beginning of the cleanup. As you know we have the St. David's EYC Youth Group participating. They actually give us 80 % of the attendees. We usually have 40 total that participate.

If I should run a little high on the expenses --- I would like permission that the outstanding amount be taken out of the \$135 in the budget.

Thank you



Carol Ralph <caroltayloralph@gmail.com>

Wynnebrook EL/Wynnebrook Jr. GC Revision of Budget Request.

1 message

Barbara Hadsell <barbarahadsell@cs.com>

Sun, Aug 25, 2019 at 4:04 PM

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Cc: jrstein@bellsouth.net, timhadsell@cs.com, huguette.damas@gmail.com, abanchy@me.com

Dear Officers of the WGC BOD and Youth Garden Club Chairman

On behalf of Janet Stein and Tim Hadsell, WGC Leaders of the Wynnebrook Elementary Youth Garden Club, I am attaching a revised budget request for the Wynnebrook EI/Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Club for this fiscal year.

Please take a few minutes to read it and distribute it to the WGC BOD members for their review as well. Janet Stein will be present on Wednesday at the BOD meeting to respond to any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hadsell

Wynnebrook EL/Wynnebrook Jr. G.C. volunteer and committee member since 2014

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2019-20 Wynnebrook EL and Jr. Garden Club Revised Budget Request

After reviewing the email regarding the Finance Committee's decision to cut the Wynnebrook EL/Wynnebrook Jr. Garden club budget, it would be helpful if some additional information about the nature of this program was made available. In contrast to all other organizations listed under Youth Garden Clubs receiving WGC funding (keeping in mind that the only other youth garden organization where WGC members actually participate on a regular basis is reported as a separate line item "Community Gardens"—no school affiliation), the Wynnebrook EL program involves participation yearly by Aftercare students in WGC-sponsored activities—Smokey Bear poster contests, as an example, and WGC members leading 21 weekly scheduled meetings Oct. -April of the FFGC -registered Jr. Garden Club. Not only are these students participating in planting, growing and harvesting vegetables and herbs, they also participate in preparing and eating healthy and hearty snacks planned for 14 of their meetings this fiscal year. Our budget needs for this have increased as we have almost completely depleted the canned food donated several years ago by Whole Foods (who no longer have this program). These items included canned tuna and chicken and various kinds of beans that comprised the protein portion of many of our recipes that the Jrs. make in the Elks kitchen.

Current Approved Budget--\$400

Previous Budgets

- 2014-15--\$520
- 2015-16--\$520
- 2016-17--\$520 Actual \$623.09
- 2017-18--\$550
- 2018-19--\$500
- 2019-20--\$400

This lower budget number was set before our very successful spring Garden Tour. Citing the reasons listed above and the additional funds now available, the Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Club committee requests a significant budget increase to \$630 for this fiscal year. This year's programs will resemble those offered in 2016-17 will include 14 Junior Garden Club meetings where the students will each time be making and serving a wholesome, nutritional, substantial snack for approx. 20 servings at a cost of \$1 each. We use vegetables from the garden when available for harvest supplemented by some ingredients that are purchased, as well as a beverage and paper goods. That amount totals \$280 plus a program about honeybees, BEE Understanding, given by beekeeper, Al Salopek, to 100 Aftercare students at Wynnebrook EL at \$3.50 per student (his minimum engagement fee). This program is educational and captivates the minds of the students and was recognized with an award from FFGC to WGC the last time we had the program at Wynnebrook Elementary in 2016. The students will continue with planting and harvesting in the Loaves and Fishes Garden at the Elks—that feeds the homeless and hungry. And the students do take home what they harvest on the days that they are there. Also, keep in mind that almost the entire Wynnebrook EL family is at poverty level and for most of the Jrs. this is their last nutritional food until breakfast at school the next morning.

Please increase our budget to \$630 so that this unique program in its 6th year can continue.

Note that we tried to schedule Al Salopek last spring but he was completely booked so we were able to schedule him at the beginning of this year on Aug. 20. We do intend to apply again for the FFGC award for this event.

Tim Hadsell and Janet Stein, Wynnebrook EL/Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Club WGC Leaders

I move that the \$200 previously budgeted for wekiwa for a presentation, and not used be donated to Wekiwa Building Fund.

Maria Wolfe
and Bobbie Ziegler

I MOVE THAT WE TRANSFER THE FLORAL DESIGN BUDGET OF \$100.00 TO THE FLOWER SHOW BUDGET FOR 2019/2020 IN ORDER TO COVER ANY EXPENSES FOR THE FIVE CLASSES ADDED TO THE PROGRAM FOR THE FLOWER SHOW EDUCATION.

CAROL LAZZARINO