

Wellington Garden Club
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Date: October 30, 2019 - 9:30 am
Wellington Community Center

Attendees: Alison Albury, Carol Coleman, Lisa Ferrano, Barbara Hadsell, Kathy Hernicz, Kate Kouba, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Barb Ricksen, Dee Rolfe, Deb Russell, Kathy Schneider, Jan Seagrave, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Terrienne Tuskes, Maria Wolfe, Barbara Zenker, Bobbie Ziegler
Absent: JoAnn Akins, Evvy Bartley, Stormi Bivin, Kay Brown, Linda DeSanti, Maxine Fisher, Larry Grosser, Carol Lazzarino, Tina Richter Becker, Diane Rice, Adele Rubin, Harriet Samuels, Janet Stein, Jim Thompson

- I. Called to Order at 9:33am
- II. Established a quorum
 - A. Silenced all cell phones
 - B. Committee members who will approve the minutes of this meeting are Kathy Siena and Kathy Schneider
- III. **Officer Reports**
 - A. **President's Report**
 - a. There will be an Annual Plant Sale The date has changed to March 28. Carol Ralph will be chairing that and will report later down on the agenda.
 - b. At the August meeting the President is supposed to submit the names of the two Members-at-Large for approval by the Board. No volunteers came forward until just recently Barbara Ricksen and Kathy Hood have volunteered. Barbara Zenker moved to accept the nomination and Deb Russell seconded. Motion carried.
 - c. The last thing Jan Seagrave talked about is the FFGC dues and District X dues. We had not paid the FFGC dues because the invoice we received from FFGC was incorrect and it took some time to reconcile. We have now paid our FFGC and District X dues.
 - d. There are still FFGC calendars available to sell. They are for 2020 and are \$8.00.
 - e. There is also a 94th Annual FFGC Convention Opportunity Drawing. It is a chance for you to buy raffle tickets. Some of prizes are very nice. The tickets are \$2.00 each and we need to sell all of them. There are 30 of them.
 - B. **Recording Secretary**—There are no corrections to the October 2, 2019 BOD meeting minutes. The minutes are approved as read.
 - C. **Treasurer** – Danese Sloan-Kendall. The checking account will be reconciled the end of the month and a report will be submitted for inclusion at the November 4, 2019 Membership meeting. We did pay the FFGC and NGC dues this month. There are updated copies for distribution of the Consumer's Certificate of Exemption. It is our tax-exempt certificate. Danese will bring more copies on Monday.
 - D. **1st Vice President** – Maria Wolfe – Reported on the status of the Blue Star Memorial Marker and the Veteran's Day Celebration here in the Village of Wellington. The Village has been so welcoming to the WGC. See attached report. Paige Griffin will be asked to take photos. Twig Morris will put in for an award
 - E. **2nd Vice President** – No Report
 - F. **Corresponding Secretary** – No report
- IV. **Standing Committee Reports**
 - A. **Articles of Association** – No Report
 - B. **Finance** – No Report
 - C. **Newsletter** – No Report

D. **Website** – Carol Ralph –

- 1) Reported that additional steps have been taken to control the number of hacking attempts on the website. Today, it is down to 18 from 5000 +.
- 2) Carol also reported on the Domain name, which is wellingtongardenclub.org. DePalma Enterprises, the company that has been keeping this domain safely registered is closing; therefore, Carol took the necessary steps to transfer the registration from M.E. DePalma to herself as legal contact. The registration is in the name of Wellington Garden Club. The company maintaining that registration is Network Solutions. Deb Russell moved to keep the Domain Name registration within WGC organization, John Siena, seconded. Motion carried.
- 3) Danese Sloan-Kendall asked how many people are using the website. Carol advised that the number of members using the website is increasing steadily. Kathy Hemicz also stated that the public uses the website to keep up to date on our calendar of events. She also stated whenever she has gone out for donations, she advises the contact to look on the website for more info about WGC.
- 4) Jan Seagrave stated the importance of changing your passwords to stronger passwords to included letters, numbers and characters. With stronger passwords we have a better chance of controlling hackers.

V. **Special Committee Reports**

- A. **Holiday Luncheon report** – Bobbi Zenker and Bobbi Ziegler – We have 45 people signed up – We expect to get a lot more at the 11-4-2019 meeting. An e-blast will be sent out reminding members of the luncheon. Announced a meeting for the committees and volunteers for the luncheon after this meeting at Panera Bread.
- B. **Special Fund Raisers** –
 - 1) **Shop for a Cause** at Macy's (Christina Anderson)– Danese Sloan-Kendall – see attached information. She will be happy to come to the meeting on 11-4-2019 to explain. John Siena made a motion to approve this fundraiser, Bobbi Ziegler seconded. Motion carried.
- C. **Membership** – Adele Rubin, Alison Albury and Carol Ralph met to discuss the new Member reception. It will be January 14, 2020 at 9:30am. Kathy and John Siena offered their home for this reception.

VI. **Other Chairmen Reports**

- A. **Wekiva** – Letter to Harriet from Wekiva - Jan read a letter addressed to Harriett Samuels from Wekiva. The money which the BOD designated to donate to the building fund is invalid. This will be used for another paid program during the 2020 Camping season; program to be determined when the Wekiva wish list is published.
- B. **Community Garden** – John Siena – See attached report. The Young Professionals received an award from Florida Children First at an event downtown in West Palm Beach. It was heavily attended by Council members of Wellington. During the acceptance of the award, The Young Professionals mentioned the Wellington Garden Club; they give us an awful lot of credit. They do many other things other than the Community Garden. We appreciate the exposure we have through the Young Professionals as an active garden club. Our volunteers are great.
- C. **Plant Sale** – Carol Ralph – The plant sale is scheduled for March 28, 2020 – see attached report. There was discussion and suggestions from members. C Ralph made note of those suggestions.
- D. **Youth Gardens** – Kathy Siena – See attached report. Twig offered the \$150.00 that was the increase given to Pine Jog Elementary be given to Wynnebrook Elementary. There was further discussion about the budget increase to Pine Jog. This is tabled until Kathy Siena checks the wish list received from Pine Jog.

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Shirts – Alison Albury – The shirts were not approved. The logo was not approved. Alison has invested in this project. Advised the progress in her search. She is unable to find a company that can supply the color and correct logo. Result of discussion is Barbara Ricksen will continue the research. Art for Life has created the logo correctly but is unable to supply the correct color. Project is tabled until the next month's meeting. See attached report.

VIII. New Business –

- A. Danese brought up the Movie "Symphony of the Soul" is owned by the club. She questioned using it as special club gathering, possibly a summer event. The BOD members like the idea.
- B. At this point Terrienne Tuskes announced as of January, she will have to give up the chair position of the Around and Abouts.

IX. Announcements –

- A. Carol Coleman as External Events Liaison reminded everyone about the NGC Gardening Course 1 on November 21 and 22, Tropical Short Course on January 22 and 23. There is also an Advocacy Dinner on the 22nd at Mounts, which is limited attendance. Flyers are available.
- B. Barbara Hadsell reminded attendees of the Gardening Course given by District X. Carol Coleman will expand on this course at the Membership meeting on November 4, 2019.
- C. There was discussion of the charges for the courses given for the Petite Flower Show. Twig Morris explained that the charges are to cover the cost of materials because these are a "hands-on" course.

Adjourned at 11:09

Respectfully submitted

Carol Ralph
Recording Secretary

Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication

November 11, 2019

Presentation to the BOD of the WGC

On Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2019 the Wellington Garden Club will be dedicating a Blue Star Memorial Marker at Veterans Park, located on the corner of Forest Hill Blvd and South Shore Blvd. If you have not seen a Blue Star Memorial Marker, please open your yearbook to the inside front cover and I have a picture for you.

We need your participation to make this a success.

The Village of Wellington has extended three invitations to the Wellington Garden Club.

1. To be a part of the Parade! The parade begins at 8:15am and walks from the 9/11 Memorial (in front of Village Hall) to the Veterans Park (corner of Forest Hill Blvd and South Shore). Won't you please bring your spouse's, children, grand-children and walk with us? It is a very short walk but very exciting because the Scottish bagpipers, and other groups will be walking with us. Please sign-up on the sheet in the next room.
2. The Village of Wellington has also asked us if we would like a tent at the dedication. This is an opportunity to speak with attendees about the Garden Club. We will have membership brochures. I am asking for volunteers to sit at the table and speak with people about the Garden Club. A table and chairs will be provided. I have a sign-up sheet on tables in the next room and would love for you to volunteer an hour of your time, please.
3. The American Legion, the organization who coordinates the Veterans Day with the Village has asked Jan Seagrave and myself to be the Honorary Speakers for the Event. This is quite an honor. Jan's Son, Marc Seagrave, an Army veteran will say a few words. I will be speaking on the history of the Blue Star Memorial. The Blue Star Marker will be draped with a black cloth and at the appropriate time, I will ask Barbara May, past president of the National Garden Clubs, and Carol Coleman, current President of District X, to pull the drape off and unveil the Marker.

This Day promises to be an exciting one and I hope you'll plan to be a part of it. Be sure to wear your Wellington Garden Club shirt!!!



Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Fwd: Board meeting

3 messages

Sloanken <sloanken@aol.com>

Fri, Oct 25, 2019 at 2:41 PM

To: Jan Seagraves <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>, Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Can this be discussed at the WGC board meeting and voted on?

Danese Sloan-Kendall

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christina Andersen <Christina.Andersen@macys.com>
Date: October 25, 2019 at 12:50:26 PM EDT
To: "sloanken@aol.com" <sloanken@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Introduction

Hello Denise,

Macys Wellington is very excited to present Wellington Garden Club an opportunity to earn \$2000 in Grant money.

November will be "Shop for a Cause " exclusively here in the Wellington store. Each charity will have the month of November (11/1 - 11/30) to shop with me to accrue credit for their charity.

I will personally assist them and keep track of each charities sales. They would call my cell and schedule an appointment that works for the both of us. If for whatever reason they cannot shop with me, they will have a code to give the associate to process transaction. They would then text me a photo of their receipt with the code on it and their charity will receive credit for the sale.

All purchases would count whether it be clothing, cosmetics or large ticket items like Fine Jewelry or furniture.

The charity that shops the most with me at Macys Wellington for the month of November will get \$2000 in grant money in January.

I would then plan an instore event in January with the winning charity. I would host a reception in my office as we present charity with a check.

I feel that this is a win/win situation as there is minimal for charity to do except communicate the initiative. I am very excited to drive business here at Macys Wellington, network with the community and be able to donate to a worthy cause.

Please let me know if this is something that Wellington Garden club would be interested in participating in.

Best,
Christina

Christina Andersen
MyStylist
Macys Wellington
10316 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, Florida 33414
Cell - 561-370-8729

From: Christina Andersen <Christina.Andersen@macys.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 7:45 AM
To: sloanken@aol.com <sloanken@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Introduction

Hello Denise,

I am very excited to share details of Macys Wellington's " Shop for a Cause " initiative. It is a great opportunity to network with our Chamber of Commerce partners, drive business into our store as well as present a generous grant to a deserving charity.

I would like to meet with you if your schedule allows or we could touch base via telephone if your schedule does not.

Please let me know if this is something that your organization is interested in participating.

Best,
Christina

Christina Andersen
MyStylist
Macys Wellington
10316 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, Florida 33414
Cell - 561-370-8729

From: Wellington Chamber <info@wellingtonchamber.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 9:49 AM
To: sloanken@aol.com <sloanken@aol.com>
Cc: Christina Andersen <Christina.Andersen@macys.com>
Subject: Introduction

△ EXT MSG:

Dear Denise,

Please allow me to introduce you to Christina Anderson, MyStylist- Macys Wellington. Christina has identified you as a member she would like to

meet and present a very exciting initiative for select Chamber Non-Profit Organizations. This initiative is "Shop For a Cause"

The charity that directs the most sales to Christina at Macys Wellington will get \$2000 in grant money in January.

She would then plan an instore event in January with the winning charity as well as host a reception in her office as she presents that charity with a check.

Christina can explain this fun and lucrative initiative in greater detail. I hope the two of you can connect. Please let me know if I may facilitate in any way.

Best,

Michela

Michela Green

Executive Director

Wellington Chamber of Commerce

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Ask me how you can be a leader in the Chamber!

***** If you do not wish to receive email from the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, please reply to this message with " Unsubscribe" *****

*** This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. Stop and think before clicking a link or opening attachments.**

Janet Seagrave <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>
To: Sloanken <sloanken@aol.com>
Cc: Carol Ralph <caroltayloralph@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 25, 2019 at 3:14 PM

Yes, I will put it on the Agenda.

Report to the Board of Directors, October 30, 2019

FROM: Membership Committee Chairperson

I would briefly like to report that as Membership Chairperson, I met with Carol Ralph and Adele Rubin (Mentoring Chairperson) to learn what was expected of our committee in reference to the "Orientation Meeting" which we are required to hold once or twice each year.

1. We have come up with a date for Tuesday, January 14th and plan to have an informal coffee hour and discussion by each Committee Chair about the work the club is doing and the possible recruitment of new members. We would like this to commence about 9:30 am.

A. In the regard, I am asking any member of the Board who would be willing to host such a meeting of about 20 people made up of chairpersons and guests. You would have nothing to do except provide the meeting space and possibly some AV equipment such as a smart TV. (KATHY & JOHN SIENNA VOLUNTEERED.)

B. Our committee and other volunteers will supply the food and drink (coffee, juices, etc.).

C. Committee Chairs will be invited to meet the new members and then have a short discussion about their work in the Club.

D. I will try to procure the movie that was used in the last orientation to give members an idea of what FFGC does and how we fit into their programs.

2. Would someone kindly be willing to donate their premises for this meeting to be held in mid-January of 2020?

I have no further report on the Membership Committee.

Alison Albury, Chairperson



Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Fwd: MONDAY MORNING

1 message

Janet Seagrave <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>
To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 1:44 PM

For your records.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Hattie Savitt <hiswpbwh@gmail.com>
Date: October 28, 2019 at 9:21:52 AM EDT
To: Jan Seagrave <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>
Subject: MONDAY MORNING

MONDAY

Due to an unexpected development which requires my personal attention, I'm unable to attend the WGC Board meeting on October 30th. Please read my report re: Camp Wekiva which follows.

Thank you.
Harriet Samuels
Wekiva Camp Chair
Wellington Garden Club

Wekiva Camp report to the Wellington Garden Club Board
October 30, 2019

The Wekiva Camp Board of Directors has informed me that the donation for a program during the 2019 camp season was held in reserve for the 2020 season because a free program became available.

Our contribution in support of the youth, our future leaders, is greatly appreciated and will be used as we designated.

Since the WGC Board made the original donation, we are not able to change its purpose. Therefore the vote to use the funds to rebuild the building destroyed by fire is invalid. Once a gift is given it must be used as appropriated. The only thing the Wekiva Board did was to postpone its use with good cause and explain why to WGC.

Also, it should be noted that the funds for rebuilding are not Wekiva's responsibility as Wekiva does not own the property.

Please void the vote taken at the last WGC Board meeting by voting to do so.

My recommendation for the 2020 Wekiva season is to select a project from their "Wish List" when it's available.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet Samuels
Wekiva Camp Chair
Wellington Garden Club

Community Garden at the Boys & Girls Club of Wellington

- We had a planning meeting and decided a program for the first half of the planting season
- Had indoor activity in corporation with the STEM teacher at B&G Club
 - Kids planted beans (potting material donated by Home Depot & seeds as a prize from photo submitted by Kathy Siena).
 - More indoor activities are planned
- Garden was started...
 - Planted beans
 - Broccoli
 - Brussel sprouts
- Young Professionals of Wellington
 - Funded the garden again this year
 - We purchased a rototiller with part of those funds
 - The YPoW received an award from Florida Children First at an event attended by Wellington Council members. The YPoW mentioned Wellington Garden Club in their acceptance speech.
- We are expecting another successful year...our volunteers are awesome!!!!

PLANT SALE ANNOUNCEMENT

Advise Board of Directors at the October 30, 2019 meeting.

The date of the plant sale will be March 28, 2020.

Place is Amphitheatre at the Wellington Community Center parking lot.

I will be the chair.

Stormi Bivin has offered to mentor me and will provide information from previous plant sales.

We have schedule two days to visit nurseries in the area to get the ball rolling. There are 6 total we will visit eventually.

Will request that club members start potting and propagating from their gardens now to insure healthy viable plants in March.

Will also need volunteers as the plans are firmed up for help with set up, two shifts of manning the sale and also break down. I will also be looking for members who have access to trucks, preferably a box truck.

Carol Ralph

Plant Sale Chair

*Home Depot
Speaker*

Carol R

WGC Board of Directors Meeting

Wed, October 30, 2019

Youth Garden Clubs Report

Kathy Siena, Chairman

Our youth garden club liaisons have worked hard to start up a great new garden year for all six gardens. Some gardens have begun garden activities with the youth both indoors and outside. The Jr gardens for grades 1-5 are Binks Forest, Wynnebrook and Pine Jog. Girl Scout Troop 22222 is both a Jr Garden and Intermediate Garden Club. Lastly, we have Wellington High School and Palm Beach Central High School.

I have some good news to share with you regarding Palm Beach Central High School Liaison, Lisa Ferrano and the school leaders. Maria Wolfe, John Siena and Lisa Ferrano had a meeting to discuss ways to form a strong outreach to the high school working with the Environmental Club teachers and gardens and the College Scholarship applicants. We met with the teachers at the high school this past Monday and had a very positive response to continue to work with the teachers and students. Lisa will continue to work closely with them as youth garden liaison offering advice and support. We also talked about scholarships that are available to the students not only through WGC, but also, FFGC, NGC and Deep South. PBCHS has excellent and deserving applicants that are interested in our scholarships and working with the environment.

A new item I need to address follows. At the last Board meeting on August 28, 2019, an email request, written by WGC member, Barbara Hadsell and addressed to the BOD Executive Officers and me, was read to the BOD by Carol Coleman because Barbara, Janet and Tim were not present at the BOD meeting. In summary, Barbara's email asked for a revised budget request increase from \$400 to \$630 for the Wynnebrook El/Wynnebrook Jr Garden Club for this fiscal year. The complete word document is available by request.

After discussion with the board members at the Aug 28 meeting, it was decided that I, as the Youth Garden Clubs chairman, would be tasked with the job of

gathering additional information from the Wynnebrook liaisons to carefully consider the request for additional budget money to help fund the food supplied to the Wynnebrook Elementary children. The BOD raised the question as to why \$300 of the \$400 budget seemed justified by Barbara to be spent for the Bee speaker to the Wynnebrook kids. Secondly, the BOD members wanted to know if Wynnebrook Jr garden had additional funding from any other source besides WGC to help them with their nutritional needs.

I would like to give you the breakdown of the \$⁴1500.00 Youth Garden Club budget: (KS read from spreadsheet). As in previous years, Wynnebrook was allocated the greatest budget of all the gardens. Budgets were approved by the board and the general members last spring prior to receiving the treasurer's report on the garden tour profits. Going forward, each committee chair, including Youth Garden Clubs Chair, shall provide an estimate of their budgetary needs to the Finance Committee by March 15, 2020.

We appreciate the time, effort, work and love that each of our volunteers put into our youth and their gardens to teach them how to be good earth stewards as we follow our mission statement. As we are certainly concerned about feeding, not only the Wynnebrook children, but all children, it is important to do as much as we can to comply with our mission statement. After careful consideration, it is our recommendation that the Wynnebrook Jr Garden budget as well as the other 5 youth gardens, should not be increased at this time.



Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Re: WGC Habitat for Humanity Committee Chairmanships

1 message

Barbara Hadsell <barbarahadsell@cs.com>
 To: jflygirl@bellsouth.net

Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 2:36 PM

Dear President Jan and WGC BOD members

Regarding the Habitat for Humanity Committee Chairmanship that Lisa and I share for WGC 2019-20, she and I discussed whether there was continuing interest by H4H, PB County in a relationship with our WGC. We agreed early in this club year that there would be no need for this committee and chairmen to exist if there was no interest. However, we have recently learned that the H4H PB County has a strong working program of Neighborhood Revitalization and would very much appreciate our members volunteering our expertise in redoing landscapes that need help. This would involve some of our members from time to time and we have a budget allotment approved of \$500 for plants,. The Director, Nadine Dennis, will be sending us an outline of the kinds of help that are needed in the West Palm Beach neighborhoods where H4H is actively working with homeowners to "refurb" their homes and their landscapes. Lisa and I plan to attend the BOD meeting this Wednesday and will be glad to discuss this happy turn of events if called upon.

In regard to the Wynnebrook JR Garden Club budget increase request, I recall that a letter from the school Principal was read to the membership at our Sept. General Meeting requesting the additional funding from WGC if possible. Kathy S. was unable to attend this meeting and so probably were a number of BOD members, so I requested a copy from the recipients, Tim Hadsell and Janet Stein, and have attached it for your perusal.

Barbara

-----Original Message-----

From: Janet Seagrave <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>

To: Barbara Hadsell <barbarahadsell@cs.com>

Cc: ksiena2000 <ksiena2000@gmail.com>; tcacad_registrar <tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com>; jcsiena <jcsiena@gmail.com>; sloanken <sloanken@aol.com>; ckhernicz <ckhernicz@yahoo.com>; caroltaylorralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>; ktkouba <ktkouba@yahoo.com>; kathyschneider1 <kathyschneider1@comcast.net>; taxi44480 <taxi44480@aol.com>; jthompson620 <jthompson620@comcast.net>; lglychee <lglychee@aol.com>; twig_morris <twig_morris@hotmail.com>; clazzar586 <clazzar586@aol.com>; paddockpark <paddockpark@bellsouth.net>; debrusl <debrusl@bellsouth.net>; kaalbury <kaalbury@gmail.com>; ricksen3 <ricksen3@bellsouth.net>; adelerubin2017 <adelerubin2017@gmail.com>; tinaj.richter <tinaj.richter@gmail.com>; petmother <petmother@aol.com>; evvy35 <evvy35@comcast.net>; sbivin <sbivin@aol.com>; hiswpbwh <hiswpbwh@gmail.com>; jrstein <jrstein@bellsouth.net>; roxhomes <roxhomes@hotmail.com>; gdesanti <gdesanti@bellsouth.net>; jakins820 <jakins820@att.net>; bobbironz <bobbironz@gmail.com>; barbzzz <barbzzz@msn.com>; diane <diane@pbcleanup.info>

Sent: Sun, Oct 27, 2019 7:28 pm

Subject: Re: Request for information on the Youth Garden Club--Wynnebrook Elementary re: Budget Request

Barbara,

Thank you for your email dated October 25, 2019 addressed to me and the members of the Board of Directors regarding your request for a budget increase for Wynnebrook Junior Garden. First of all, I would like to clarify a few statements made in your email. Actually, you are not currently a member of the Board of Directors. Secondly, I did not forward the email to you from Kathy Siena for a "comment". You called me and asked for a copy of her email that she sent to the liaisons at Wynnebrook Jr. Garden requesting additional information. Thirdly, Kathy Siena is the Youth Garden Chairman as stated on page five and page 33 of the WGC 2019-2020 Yearbook.

Finally, the request for an increase in the Wynnebrook budget was presented to the BOD in August by Carol Coleman written by you on behalf of the liaisons, Janet Stein and Tim Hadsell. The BOD decided that additional research was needed. Up until today, a response for requested information to the Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Liaisons has not been received by the Youth Gardens Chairman. However, a report with suggested recommendations to address the request for a budget increase will be read by Kathy Siena and reviewed by the BOD.

Jan Seagrave,
President
Wellington Garden Club

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 25, 2019, at 6:14 PM, Barbara Hadsell <barbarahadsell@cs.com> wrote:

Oct. 25, 2019

Dear President Jan and members of the WGC BOD

As a member of the BOD and long-time volunteer (10+years) with the WGC at various youth activities and specifically with the Wynnebrook El School and the Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Club, the email request on your behalf, from Kathy Sienna. was forwarded to me for comment. She made the request as a Youth Garden chairman a position I am unable to find on the BOD list in our Yearbook on pages 4 and 5. Nevertheless, I will respond as follows:

Kathy--"as the chairman of the youth gardens, i was asked to follow up on this request. the board would like to know what other financial support the jr garden receives in addition to the \$400 budget wgc has given to the garden. "

My response: Is the WGC BOD doing a survey of all recipients of funds being donated by WGC? Please forward a copy of the survey and who is receiving it to all of us on the BOD. I would suggest that it include not only a list of outside funding sources but also the level of participation by WGC members in that recipient's activities. Also include asking what exactly the WGC funds are used for. And the WGC yearbook listing shows Wynnebrook as a Youth Garden Club—no mention of gardens at Wynnebrook.

Kathy--" the wgc board would like to know why \$300-350 was spent on a bee speaker presentation instead of spending it on the food that wasshe said was needed."

My response: The opportunity to have the presentation on BEE Understanding was only available in August—as explained in the Budget request document. The request for additional funds was made well before


the nutritional program on preparing garden edibles was started, but after the Garden Tour finances had been reported. And we members were told that the March provisional budget was only a forecast and could be modified after the profit of the Garden Tour was finalized. Profit from Garden Tour was originally forecast as approx.. \$20,000. Actual was approx.. \$28,000.

Lastly, for those of you who have been involved as leaders in regular meetings with youth—Janet and Tim being designated this year at Wynnebrook Youth Garden Club as a Liaison rather than a Leader is a break from the reality of what the responsibilities of Leading a youth garden club versus serving as a Liaison to a youth activity via a financial donation is. Please visit the weekly meetings of the Wynnebrook Jr. Garden club for more details about Leadership activities.

I have attached the Budget Request and rationale for your review prior to the WGC BOD meeting this coming Wednesday. Please feel free to call, email or bring your questions/comments to the meeting.

Respectfully,
Barbara Hadsell, member NGC, Deep South, FFGC, District X and WGC BOD.

<Budget Increase Request R.docx>

 **Wellington Garden Club Thank You Letter (4).pdf**
408K

Report to the Board of Directors, October 30, 2019

FROM: Alison Albury-WGC shirts

Without dredging too much water under the bridge, it was not made clear at the last two Board meetings that the logo on the shirts was totally unacceptable. In fact, only one board member actually approached me that she felt the logo as presented should not be used. No one else expressed this. Therefore, I moved forward with taking orders at the monthly meeting that followed shortly thereafter.

I heard nothing further from any Board member until I had a luncheon meeting with Carol Ralph seven days later when I was told no orders were to go out.

I feel this should have been made clear at the previous Board Meeting that no orders were to be taken or accepted. I was put in the embarrassing position of having to return each person's check with an apology. In addition, I have spent over \$75 of my own money to buy the sample shirts with logos, and to have a local company prepare another digital copy of our logo.

I was discouraged and ready to throw in the towel but I got a call from a local art store who felt they might be able to carry out the request of recreating the logo exactly. I asked them for a proof and I present it to you here. They will charge \$23 for each shirt that we give them to embroider. This is a ONE TIME CHARGE. OTHER ORDERS THAT FOLLOW WILL PROBABLY BE MORE EXPENSIVE. They cannot provide pink.

Pink is a very difficult color. Most suppliers have discontinued our pink. The closest is 'Red Raspberry'. I also have found one shirt in neo green at \$13.95 plus the added \$10 logo fee, which totals \$24. Our supplier found our original pink at \$30 but I was given a total price range of no more than \$20.

So I have been put in a conundrum and see but three choices:

1. Do we scrap the idea of logo shirts altogether? (NO)

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2. Do we ask the board to vote on the logo as it was presented last month? While it is not the exact replica of the logo, it is very close and would be used just for the shirts. Original pink at \$13/shirt. Selling at \$20/shirt. **(NO)**

3. Do we change the color to 'red raspberry' and have the exact replica of the logo? Cost would be \$24/shirt as a one-time price and the club would not make anything. **(NOT RASPBERRY, BUT SEAFOAM GREEN IS ACCEPTABLE. INCREASED PRICE TO BE BORN BY BUYER)**

4. Do you change the color of the shirt to something more easily obtainable? Kelly green, black, true red, sapphire blue, royal blue, or grey are options at a price of \$25, and the club would not make anything. **(CLUB NOT INTERESTED IN A PROFIT. SELL AT COST.)**

In addition, would the club be willing to sponsor each shirt for the additional funds to keep the shirt price at \$20/member? **(NO)**

Until we have answers to these questions, and members actually vote on their preference, I will not be moving forward with these shirts.

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