

**Wellington Garden Club**  
**Minutes of Membership Meeting**  
**On Oct. 5, 2020 (Zoom)**

- I. Called to order at 9:30 am.
  - A. A quorum could not be established
  - B. Members who will approve the minutes of this meeting are Caren Griffin and Joyce Smith.
  
- II. A. President's report
  1. Jan Seagrave advised we still need the following chair persons; 1) [Around and About Chair](#) (Maria has an Around and About planned and we have one for October which is at the suggestion of Stormi Bivin. On Thursday, October 16, we will meet Mounts Botanical Garden at 9:00 am.) As we have been working to schedule Around and Abouts, we need someone who will maintain a schedule of who would like to go on the Around and Abouts, collect the money and be in contact with the Around & About location personnel; 2) [A Mentor Chair](#), 3) [Twig Morris has volunteered as Publicity Chair](#) and a 4) [A Wekiva Chair](#).
  2. Woodsy Owl Program. This is a poster contest and is a very worthwhile program. Woodsy will turn 50 this year. Woodsy is an icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971 Woodsy has helped parents and teachers and inspired children to observe, explore and care for the environment in an active role. We need someone to put this into the schools. Kathy Schneider volunteered to handle this. John Siena advised it might be possible to do this at the Boys & Girls Club.
  3. Yearbooks – It is in the final stages and should be ready by the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. We will announce a distribution place. You will drive up and sign for your yearbook and be on your way. We will all be wearing masks and it will be safe to pick them up.
  4. Carolyn Lowe, one of our beloved members, passed away recently. Carolyn has asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Compassionate Pug Rescue. WGC has made a donation in her honor to that cause.
  
- B. Recording Secretary – Carol Ralph. We will have to postpone approval of the Sept. 14, 2020 Minutes until next month as we do not have a quorum.
  
- C. First Vice President – Maria Wolfe - explained that WGC is hosting the District X. We have scheduled George Gandt from the Institute for Regional Conservation, a non-profit organization in Delray Beach. They are dedicated to the protection, restoration and long-term management of biodiversity on a regional basis and they are dedicated to the prevention of extinction of rare plants, animals and eco-systems. Their goals mirror ours in a lot of ways. (See attached report)
  
- D. Second Vice President – John Siena – See attached report. It is a month-by-month scheduling review.

- E. Treasurer's Report – Danese Sloan-Kendall – No report – There is nothing going on for the past 30 days.
- F. Corresponding Secretary – Kate Kouba – No report
- G. Around and About – Jan Seagrave – At Stormi Bivin's suggestion, we have scheduled an Around and About at Mounts Botanical Gardens for Thursday, October 15, 2020. We will meet at 9:00 am. It is free to Palm Beach County residents on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. We will enter the gardens in groups of 5.

III. Standing Committee Reports – No reports

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. Special Fund Raisers

1. Plant Sale Event – We are still planning to hold a Plant Sale Event on Saturday, March 13, 2020. Stormi and Carol will start working on it in Jan. Estimated income will be approx. \$1600.00
2. Shredding Event – Jan Seagrave – We are still planning to have our shredding event. It is booked with the Village of Wellington and Total Shredding and is scheduled for Saturday, Jan 16, 2020. It has been decided that this will be an annual event for WGC.
3. We are still going to have a Garden Tour. Carol Coleman is the chair. She wasn't able to be here today, but she is still lining up homes to tour. If you have any ideas of homes that you have seen and could be on our tour, please let Carol Coleman know. We don't yet have a date.

B. Youth Activities – No report

C. Youth Garden Clubs – Kathy Siena – See attached report.

D. Community Garden – John Siena – See attached report. Kathy Siena stated that a lot of the seeds that John mentioned they are growing are the seeds that we got from Stormi Bivin. We are growing seeds in our raised bed that John built for me. John already checked out the irrigation and it is working fine. We are growing garlic for the first time this year.

V. No Horticultural Moment

VI. Unfinished Business - none

VII. New Business - none

VIII. Announcements

A. Opportunity Drawing Tickets – Jan advised she still has some to sell. The drawing will be in April. There are many good items that you will have an opportunity to win.

Bobbi Ziegler suggested that we go to the Twilight Green Market on Riverwalk and get a table for our club. This would open an opportunity to recruit new members, advertise our events and communicate to public what WGC is all about. There is a flyer which

Jan will send out in an eblast. There was also discussion about a poster to display at this market, advertising what we are all about and many organizations we help. John Siena will work on this.

- B. Kay Brown – Kay's garden won an award from the Village of Wellington called FLOWER Award – This stands for "Fabulous Landscape of Wellington Earning Recognition". Jan has a picture which she took.
- C. Tropical Short Course is cancelled for January 2021 only. The Wellington Garden Club will host the Tropical Short Course in 2022. Corrected at 11/2/2020 meeting by Twig Morris and seconded by Carol Coleman.

IX. Adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol Ralph,  
Recording Secretary

General Members Meeting – October 5, 2020

John Siena

2<sup>nd</sup> VP on Speakers:

We have very good speakers lined up for this year, however with the uncertainty surrounding the availability of a location for use to meet in person it has become necessary to cancel the speaker for November. I have not cancelled speakers in 2021 yet. I am also looking into the possibility of some of them using Zoom for their presentations, should that become the only viable option.

Community Garden

The Community Garden team is working hard on the vegetable and butterfly parts of the garden. Some of the new developments are:

- We have a beautiful cast iron and oak bench for the butterfly garden.
- We cleaned out the corner of the garden where boniatos were growing wild...plan to make a potting table for that location.
- The Boys & Girls Club is open now. We will be able to have the kids come to work in the garden starting on October 20 or 27. All appropriate COVID protocols will be in place.
- I made contact with a commercial farmer who promised he would share some of his "special" tomato seedlings with us.
- Our team has started other seeds and peppers, kale, tomato, lettuce, and herbs are peaking their heads out of the soil and will be ready in two or three weeks for transplanting.
- The sun and soil do not have COVID and are in good health. Look to your gardens for renewal and encouragement; it is good for the soul.

## Wellington Garden Club General Members Meeting

October 5, 2020 via Zoom

Youth Garden Clubs

Kathy Siena-Chair

Good Morning Members and Friends: While we are once again gathered via Zoom, the good thing is that we can still meet even if only seeing our faces along with our voices. As chair of the Youth Garden clubs, I find it important to say that our youth must never be pushed aside or forgotten and we must continue to interact with them and offer advice and help in teaching them how to be good earth stewards of their world. As Wellington Garden Club members, one of the many ways for us to do this is through our support of the local Youth Garden Clubs. Last month I told you we support four elementary age schools and two high schools. I want to share with you about one youth garden that has already been highly active. Girl Scout Troop 22222 under the current leadership of Alison Zimmerman, spent a couple of their Saturdays recently at the Butterfly/Native plant garden near the Tree garden and dog park on Greenbriar cleaning up the garden. They had about 8 large bags filled up with vegetation to dispose of.

The other youth garden clubs which are on school campuses need a bit more time to get up and running since school just recently started back and they are adjusting to new situations.

Thank you for your continued support both financially and actively by leading the youth gardens. Please see me if you have an interest in getting more involved with our great kids. They keep us "alive" and "vibrant".

Wellington Garden Club  
Agenda  
General Membership Meeting  
October 5, 2020

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I. Call to order

- A. Establish a quorum
- ✓ B. Announce Members who will approve minutes of this meeting

II. Officer Reports

- A. President's report
  - 1. Chairmen needed
  - 2. Woodsy Owl program
  - 3. Yearbooks
  - 4. Carolyn Lowe
- B. Recording Secretary – Carol Ralph – Approval of Minutes 9/14/20
- C. First Vice President – Maria Wolfe – Donation – *GEORGE Gandt*
- D. Second Vice President – John Siena
- E. Treasurer's Report – Danese Sloan-Kendall – No report
- ✓ F. Corresponding Secretary – Kate Kouba – No report
- ✓ G. Around and about – Jan Seagrave – *S.B. office suggestion*

III. Standing Committee Reports – No reports

IV. Special Committee Reports

- A. Special Fund Raisers
  - 1. Plant Sale Event – Carol Ralph ✓
  - 2. Shredding Event – Jan Seagrave ✓
  - 3. Garden Tour – Carol Coleman ✓ *1/16/2021*
- B. Youth Activities —
- C. Youth Garden Clubs – Kathy Siena —
- D. Community Garden – John Siena

V. No Horticultural Moment

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements

- A. Opportunity Drawing Tickets ✓
- B. Kay Brown – FLOWER Award ✓
- C. Tropical Short Course – Cancelled ✓

IX. Adjourn