

**Minutes Board of Directors Meeting
September 1, 2021
Held in the 360 Room
The Mall at Wellington Green**

ATTENDEES: Maria Wolfe, Carol Ralph, Amy Schwed, Kathy Hood, Mary Barbara Alexander, JoAnn Akins, Bobbi Ziegler, Huguette Damas, Tina Richter, Twig Morris, Lynda Messina, Lisa Ferrano, Linda DeSanti, Evvy Bartley, Danese Sloan Kendall, Alison Albury, Joan Kaplan, Cass Stryker

ABSENTEES: Jan Seagrave, Kay Brown, Jim Thompson, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Larry Grosser, Carol Coleman, Chrystine Tauber, Diane Rice, Carol Lazzarino, Dee Rolfe, Kathy Hernicz

- I. Called to order at 10:03 AM
- II. Quorum established by Kathy Hood, Parliamentarian
- III. Officers' Report
 - A. President's Report
 - a) Change in meeting protocol. Maria announced that starting with September's meeting, we will have coffee and conversation beginning at 9:30AM and the speaker(s) would present at 10:15AM. When the presentation was done, there would be a short break and then the business meeting would begin. The reason for this change was due to the lengthiness of the business meeting, which made it difficult to get speakers, as it became a 3- hour commitment for them.
 - b) There was a National Garden Club sale on Barbara May's book "Designs Made Easy" for \$5. Maria bought two. She will donate one to the Wellington Library and the 2nd will be a raffle prize at the October "Bring a Friend" meeting for a WGC member and Kimberly Helms will donate a succulent garden for the guest friend raffle winner.
 - c) The Florida Federation of Garden Club Life Memberships have been bestowed on past presidents of the WGC. However, Carol Coleman did not receive it. It was noted that the cost of life memberships had doubled from \$150 to \$300. Carol had raised more money through fund raising events than anyone else had. Additionally, Jan Seagrave, who had done so much during her tenure as president also had not received FFGC life membership. Both deserve it! Mary Barbara Alexander made the motion to give both Carol and Jan Life Membership and Lisa Ferrano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. It will be bestowed on both of them at the October meeting. It was felt that all presidents should receive life membership in the Wellington Garden Club.

d) Barbara Hadsell has not been designated a WGC life member, but she does not payes. The motion was made by Linda DeSanti and seconded by Twig Morris to bestow life membership in the WGC on Barbara and was passed unanimously.

e) A new event is beginning in September, called Sip 'n Stroll. We will meet at a member's home, each bringing a drink (or a bottle) with us and an appetizer to share. We will stroll around the garden. The host will provide paper plates and napkins. Spouses are invited! There will be a sign-up sheet at the September 13th Garden Club meeting. Our first host is Mary Barbara Alexander. Details to follow. There is also the possibility that going out for dinner afterward may occur.

f) The Yearbook was sent to the printer yesterday. Maria gave Carol Ralph the "lifesaver" award for her help in putting the yearbook together. (It was an actual bag of lifesavers, which Carol shared with everyone.)

g) Maria told us that the club needs two members-at-large, who are the "eyes and ears" of all the members. She made a motion that Linda Messina and Huguette Damas be designated at such. Amy Schwed seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

B. Former Recording Secretary - Carol Ralph presented old minutes from March 31,2021 for approval. They had not been approved earlier due to a lack of a quorum. Alison Albury made the motion to approve the minutes and Kathy Hood seconded it. It was approved unanimously. The April 28, 2021 minutes suffered the same fate as March's minutes - lack of a quorum for approval. Cass Stryker made the motion to approve them and Joan Kaplan seconded it. It, too, passed unanimously.

C. Treasurer's Report - Danese Kendall - All needed reports have been filed. We currently have 97 members.

D. Corresponding Secretary Report - Joan Kaplan - nothing to report.

IV. Education Report

A. We do not currently have an Around and About Chairperson. Maria Wolfe and Carol Ralph have been working to plan some trips. The first trip will be on September 16, 2021 to the Morikami Museum and Gardens. It will be a self-guided tour and includes a new exhibit, Painting Enlightenment. The café is open for lunch. Everyone will meet at the Morikami at 10AM. Carol will send an eblast around and will collect the money. Adults are \$15 and Senior are \$13.

Other Around and About trips in the works are: (Details will follow)

October: Florida Oceanographic Society in Stuart

November: A private home Rose Garden in Boynton Beach

February 2022: Private Gardens of Betty & Joe Libertucci in Loxahatchie

March 2022: Palm City Gardens

- B. Environmental - Maria gave Diane Rice's report that there will be a beach clean-up at MacArthur Park on September 18th. Volunteers needed and will receive free t-shirts and gloves.
 - C. Mary Barbara Alexander announced that the September 13th speaker is Olivia Collins from the CLEO Institute. She will present a talk entitled: The Climate Crisis, A Race We Can Win.
 - D. College Scholarship - Kathy Hood read John Siena's report. It was suggested by Maria that we ask friends, neighbors, churches, etc. to share information on possible students for the scholarships.
 - E. Newsletter - Tina Richter - the deadline for the September Newsletter is today. She would like a "Hello and Welcome Everyone" note from Maria. There should be a note about the newly formed Sip 'n Stroll debuting Friday, September 17th. (Any volunteers?) Tina also suggested a new column idea - "possible garden hints and health tips". Again, any volunteers? The concept was well received.
- V. Civic/Community Service
- A. Community Gardens - Lisa Ferrano read Kathy Siena's report.
- VI. This and that
- A. Hospitality - at our monthly garden club meetings, the village will let us serve coffee. No edibles yet. If you would like, you can bring your own mug.
 - B. Plant raffle - Joann Akins reported the raffle would begin again at the September meeting.
 - C. Lisa Ferrano shared that the National Public Land Day will be held on Saturday, September 25 in conjunction with the Village of Wellington. Everyone is invited to participate in the planting of 1,000 pines at the Marjorie Stoneham Douglas Preserve. Many volunteers are needed.
 - D. Holiday luncheons - a chairperson is needed for the December and May luncheons. Maria said the first luncheon of the WGC was 40 years ago and was held at the Breakers. She and Bobbi Ziegler have been checking out having a 40th anniversary luncheon there in December. It would be much costlier than usual, but since we have not had a December luncheon for a few years, due to Covid, it might be do-able (It could run about \$75 per person.) They are also exploring an off-site Breaker's connected restaurant, Henry's. It has a nice menu and will be more reasonably priced. To keep costs down, we could just have a 40th anniversary cake.
 - E. Shredding will take place at the Wellington Village Hall on February 19,2022.

- F. Should there be a fertilizer sale this year? The fertilizer is environmentally friendly, is a 365-day time release and costs \$75 for a 50 lb. bag. Members will be polled to see if there is interest.
- G. The King's Academy will be presenting Mary Poppins in October and Stormi Bivin will see if we can get tickets.
- H. Twig Morris spoke about collaborating with Matt Wilhite to supply items to Hurricane Ida victims in Haiti. Maria and Twig will discuss this with Mr. Wilhite's office to see if it is feasible.
- I. The WGC has a new business card, created by Maria Wolfe. It has a QR code in the upper right corner that will bring people to our website. She suggests we carry the cards with us and if we hear people talking in plant places, saying "I wish I knew how to ...", we can give them a card. It could lead to new members!! You can also put your own name and phone number on the back.
- J. Carol Ralph is still handling the WGC website and will begin her updates shortly.
- K. Mary Barbara Alexander asked whether there might be any meeting time changes, such as an evening meeting. It was decided to let that idea ride for now, as we already have a big change starting in September, with our speakers coming before the business meeting.
- L. Maria Wolfe thanked everyone for attending and the meeting adjourned at 11:22

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Schwed, Recording Secretary

Wellington Garden Club Board of Directors meeting: September 2021

Status reports:

Scholarship Committee

We have established a committee and will have our first organizational meeting in a few weeks. There have been some changes in school administration at both local high schools and there are still some COVID restrictions which we will have to manage but overall our contacts remain viable and we are optimistic for scholarship awards for the 2022-23 academic year.

Community Garden at the Boys and Girls Club

I will be calling an organizational meeting in the next few weeks. My intention is to start the garden in October after the worst of the summer heat is over and the threat of a hurricane destroying our work is greatly diminished. This has been an ongoing and very rewarding community project of the Young Professionals of Wellington and Wellington Garden Club for five years. We have had several of the original children return to see us at the garden...they were at least a foot taller and teenagers! I count this as a testimony of the good work Wellington Garden Club does for our youth and for the community.

John Siena

Aug 27, 2021

August 25, 2021

Danese Kendall

Wellington Garden Club Treasurer Report

The Garden Club 2021-2022 year began June 1st.

Since that date the following items have been completed:

June 1st renewals were sent to FFGC

All previous year accounting was reviewed by CPA

IRS form 990 was filed

Florida department of Agriculture 501 (c3) report was filed

Garden Club insurance was renewed

Wellington Chamber dues were paid

Website fee to System Design Wizards was paid

Total income since June 1st is \$582.50

Total expenses since June 1st \$1,644.77

Balance in checking account \$25,275.17

Wellington Garden Club
September 1, 2021
Board of Directors Meeting Report
Youth Garden Clubs Chairman
Kathy Siena

Good morning Board Members: This report is mostly informational to update you on our current youth garden club's status for the new 2021-2022 year. WGC supports both financially and as advisors, the following schools. The liaisons are indicated next to the school/scout pack. Liaisons work directly with the school staff. They are the link between the school and WGC.

Pine Jog Elementary	K Schneider & B Ziegler
New Horizons Elementary	Kathy Siena
Scout Pack 125 Butterfly Garden	Kathy Siena & Lisa Ferrano
Polo Park Middle	Kathy Schneider
Wellington High	Bobbi Ziegler
Palm Beach Central High	Lisa Ferrano

The approved budget for the 2021-2022 youth garden clubs is \$1600.00. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you, Kathy Siena, Chairman.

PS Sorry I couldn't be with you today.

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Cara Stryker ^{STRYKER} (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Joan Kaplan (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

I Make a MOTION TO
Accept The MINUTES OF
APRIL 28, 2021 Meeting
as mailed.

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Maria Wolfe (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Amy Schwed (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

Nominators:
Linda Masarna
Rugotto Damas

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

ALISON (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

KATHY (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

approval of March 31,
meeting.

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Mary Barbara Alexander (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

LISA Ferrano (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

I move that past president
of the WBC Carol Colonna
and Jan Seagrave be award
Life Memberships in the FF

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Linda DeSanti (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Twig M (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

To bestow Lifetime
membership to Barbara Hadsel
officially

copy into 1 or 2 pgs
attach to minutes