

**Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting
September 29,2021
Live 360 Studio**

Attendees: JoAnn Akins, Alison Albury, Mary Barbara Alexander, Stormi Bivin, Huguette Damas, Linda De Santi, Lisa Ferrano, Kathy Hood, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Dee Rolfe, Amy Schwed, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Cass Stryker, Maria Wolfe, Bobbi Ziegler, Renee Lampert.

Absentees: Evvy Bartley, Tina Richter Becker, Kay Brown, Carol Coleman, Maxine Fisher, Larry Grosser, Kathy Kernicz, Joan Kaplan, Kate Kouba, Carol Lazzarino, Linda Messina, Diane Rice, Jan Seagrave, Chrystine Tauber, Jim Thompson.

- I. Call to Order - the meeting was called to order at 10AM. Maria Wolfe asked the group if they would prefer to start the BOD meetings at 9:30, since the mall now opens at that time. Everyone felt it was a good idea and Maria will check with her mall contact and let us know.
 - A. Establish a quorum - done.
 - B. Silence all cell phones.

- II. Officer Reports
 - A. President's Report:
 1. Lifesaver Award - Presented to Mary Barbara Alexander for getting a good speaker for the September meeting, arranging for the Morikami "Around and About" and for hosting the first Sip 'n Stroll.
 2. The October 4th monthly meeting will celebrate "Bring a Friend" month. Members of the WGC are invited to bring a friend which will hopefully attract new members to our club. Be sure to email Alison Albury if you are bringing a friend. She will have a name tag and raffle tickets for our guests as she signs them in. She will also have raffle jars for both the guest and member raffles.
 3. Attendance at the September 13th meeting was 56 members and 11 guests for a total of 67 attendees.
 4. The Wellington Chamber of Commerce will hold a fund raiser on October 21, 2021, from 5:30 - 7:30PM, at a local photography studio. It will provide wine and cheese. The \$20.00 cost to attend will buy a turkey for needy families. If anyone is interested in attending, please

contact Maria Wolfe. The Chamber of Commerce is a younger group and it would be nice to bring young blood into the club!

5. The first Sip 'n Stroll held at Mary Barbara Alexander's home was terrific! Our second Sip 'n Stroll will be at Petra Russell's home from 5:00 to 7:00PM, on Friday, October 8, 2021. Maria Wolfe suggested that some members stay at the end to help Petra Russell clean up and Alison Albury said we all can help.

6. The District X Meeting will be held at a country club on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 in Port St. Lucie. There will be many vendors there, such as: Wire Art, Star Art, Orchids, Haitian Oil Drum Metal Art, Fairy Hair, etc. The deadline to register to attend is October 1, 2021. The registration form is on the District X website. Registration at Port St. Lucie will begin at 8AM. Car pools will be formed for those going.

The Tropical Short Course will be held at the Green Acres Community Center on January 19-20, 2022. Doug Tallamy will speak about insects, bird diversity and planting natives via Zoom and the second speaker, George Gann, promotes native plants. Both are educational meetings so attendees can get a 50% refund on their fees. Submit the reimbursement forms to Evvy Bartley.

7. Susan Hillson is the manager of our Facebook page and has asked us to please join it and request to be a "friend".

8. Anne Hlasnicek is donating five 20 pound bags of bird seed to the W.G.C. We discussed what could be done with it, such as: small raffle bag gifts or build bird houses. Home Depot ran a class for kids to build bird houses in the past, at one of our plant sales and perhaps we could have them do it again for us. Dee Rolfe will paint these bird houses. We should think about other uses for this lovely donation.

B. Recording Secretary, Amy Schwed, presented the minutes of the September 1, 2021 BOD meeting. The group was asked if there were any additions or corrections. Mary Barbara Alexander said that in 4 C

it should read "she **will** present. Additionally, add that the speaker, Olivia Collins is **from the CLEO Institute and that her presentation is titled "The Climate Crisis, A Race We Can Win"**". Alison Albury made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Cass Stryker and it passed unanimously.

C. Treasurer Danese Sloan-Kendall said there were no changes in the Treasurer's report. Income this month was \$935.53 from meeting plant raffles, membership dues, Penny Pines donations and the "Around and

About". Total expenses were \$1,911.21 for yearbook, the Around and About, Awards, Program speaker and FFGC dues. The balance in the checking account is \$24,299.49.

D. 1st Vice President Carol Ralph said our next Around & About would be to the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute in Hutchinson Island, Stuart on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 9AM. Car Pools would leave at 7:30AM and the cost is \$20.00. Last sign up date is October 4, 2020. There is a limit of 25 people. It will be 90 minute private tour. Additionally, car pools would need to leave their locations at 7:30AM. She then spoke about the Garden Tour of Kathy & Bob Rose Gardens in Boynton Beach, which will be on Thursday, November 18, 2021. The Roses's have 65+ rose bushes in their private gardens and there is no charge for this visit. Those who are interested in lunch after the tour will go to the Polo Club Restaurant. At last month's meeting, a volunteer to run the Around & About trip for December was requested and today, Bobbi Ziegler volunteered to do this.

E. 2nd Vice President Mary Barbara Alexander spoke about the October 4, 2021 membership meeting program. Jim Ritterhoff, Executive Director/Co-Founder of **FORCE BLUE** will speak about "One team, one fight" in regard to restoring and preserving coral reefs. We then discussed potential payment to FORCE BLUE, which is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Mary Barbara Alexander had asked about the speaker's fee, but none was requested. Kathy Siena made a motion, with an amendment, to make a \$200 donation to FORCE BLUE and a \$100 donation to the FORCE BLUE speaker. Twig Morris seconded the motion. Stormi Bivin amended the motion to add that the donation was "not to exceed \$300" and Twig Morris seconded that. The motion carried unanimously. Mary Barbara Alexander will double check that there is no speaker's fee expected.

F. Corresponding Secretary Joan Kaplan was not here. She had nothing to report.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Newsletter - Tina Richter sent a note stating she had nothing for the Board this month, but she would appreciate members knowing that she needs any photos, articles, tips or cartoons by October 15th. Also, if anyone took photos at the Sip 'n Stroll at Mary Barbara Alexander's house, Tina would appreciate having them sent to her as well. Twig Morris was thanked for the publicity for FORCE BLUE.

B. Membership - Alison Albury said we had 10 guests at the last meeting, all of whom have been thanked for coming and one new member was welcomed. The new mentors to assist the Membership Committee are: Barbara Zenker, Kathy Siena, Huguette Dames, John Siena and Dora Bellamo. They have been contacted with what to do for new members. She also said that she might need help at the October 4th membership table. She was concerned that members would not get their raffle tickets, but it was felt that members bringing guests would be with them registering as guests and would therefore certainly get their raffle tickets. It was suggested that a picture be taken of all the guests for the next newsletter.

C. Hospitality - Maria Wolfe happily told us that we would now be allowed to have brunch items at our monthly meetings and promptly sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring items to the October 4th meeting!

D. Garden Art - Dee Rolfe told us that the November 3rd project was a garden house in a wine bottle, filled with fairy lights. It will be held at the Community Center at 9AM, will cost \$10, and we'll all have a good time!

E. Plant Raffle - Joann Akins said it was a big success at the last garden club meeting, raising \$109! She suggested that we schedule a small break after our speaker finishes and before the business meeting begins. This will allow people the opportunity to buy plant raffle tickets if they had not done so, plus it would allow for bathroom breaks if needed.

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. Linda DeSanti, the chair of the holiday luncheon, said it will be on Monday, December 6, 2020 at the Wanderer's Club. They've cut their fees, so it will only cost \$36 or \$37 each. Paige Griffin will be collecting "Toys for Tots" to donate and asked us to bring unwrapped toys that day. Someone will be doing "fairy hair" for any of us who would like to do that. There is a \$300 minimum for doing the fairy hair, which was thought to not be a problem. There will also be an auction for orchids and plants at the luncheon, separate from the centerpieces. Linda DeSanti said she needs helpers. This is the 40th anniversary of the Wellington Garden Club and it would be fun to review the last 40 years, perhaps with Power Point pictures scrolling. Renee Lampert, a guest (and a former member of the WGC who had moved away and now moved back) said there had been a movie at a 2008 show that her husband had done.

V. Special Fund Raisers - Stormi Bivin has once organized tickets to Kings Academy so that the WGC will receive \$5 for every ticket we sell. She can get tickets for us 6 weeks before

they go on sale, so we get excellent seats! The first show will be *Romeo and Juliet*, presented on January 22, 2022 at a 1:00PM matinee. She passed out order forms and will bring more to the October 4th garden club meeting. October 4th is also the deadline for ordering tickets for that show. She will also get tickets for *Amalie* and *Matilda* in the future. Everyone attending the shows must be masked.

VI. New Business

A. John Siena said the community gardens need volunteers. The Village of Wellington has helped with irrigation fixes, weeding and broken items. He also stated that the recent tree planting was very successful and all 1,000 trees got planted! There will be a sign up sheet at the October 4th meeting for volunteers to sign up. The Boys and Girls Club garden will tentatively start with the children on October 12, 2021. There will be an organizational meeting on September 30, 2021.

B. Stormi Bivin moved to the Crestwind Community in Westlake, which is a 55+ community. She plans to put an article in their local newsletter, either October 1st or November 1st, to see if there is any interest in learning about gardening, as well as promoting the WGC. We might get some new WGC members from that! (As an aside: she will also offer Kings Academy tickets there, which would again garner \$5 per ticket for the garden club!)

C. Danese Sloan-Kendall talked about a pamphlet called "Symphony of the Soil" which also has a 104 minute video. She suggested that we might want to show it at the Community Center. She also spoke about an "honorary" award for presidents, after they've served 2 years as president and 2 years as 1st vice president. Plus, the FFGC life membership includes free membership in the WGC - but it costs us \$300 to bestow that. Dee Rolfe said that she has more of the plaques to donate to be given as name tag raffle prizes at membership meetings. Kathy Siena thanked the garden club for her Earth Steward award.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 11:25

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Schwed
Recording Secretary

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From: sbivin@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 10:41 AM
To: tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com; amy.schwed@gmail.com
Subject: TKA info for tomorrow's BOD meeting

Hi Gals,

For the minutes, here is an outline of what I'll be discussing tomorrow.

- TKA live theatre performances have begun
- Ticket sales for Romeo & Juliet (our first group event) are underway. Eblast has gone out, I'll have extra flyers at Oct. 4 membership meeting. Deadline is Oct. 8th.
- The other performances for the 2022 season are *Amelie*, the Musical on March 26 and *Matilda*, the Musical on May 7.
- All are Saturday matinees - 1:00 pm
- I'll be submitting an article to Tina for the next newsletter
- COVID protocol is masking,

That should do it.

Stormi

Report from the Membership Chair for BOD Sept. 29:

1. Ten Guests at the last meeting, all of whom have been thanked for coming.
2. One new member welcomed.
3. New mentors to assist the Membership Committee

Barbara Zenker

Kathy Sienna

Hugette Dames

John Sienna

Dora Bellomo

All have been contacted with what to do for new members. I will try to assign new members' mentors at the beginning of their joining.

4. May need help at the 'guest' table during the October "Bring a Guest" meeting. Are we going to register EVERY guest?

September 30, 2021

Wellington Garden Club
Treasurer Report

Income this month was \$935.53, from meeting plant raffle, membership dues, penny pines donations and around and about.

Total expenses this month were \$1,911.21, for yearbook, around & about, awards, program speaker and FFGC dues.

Balance in checking account is \$24,299.49

Additionally, for more detailed information please review the WGC profit & loss versus annual budget report to date.

Danese Sloan Kendall
Treasurer

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 June through September 2021

	Jun - Sep...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...	% of Bud...
Income				
4000 · INCOME				
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing				
4101 · Boutique Items	96.00	100.00	-4.00	96.0%
4103 · Fertilizer	35.00			
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	109.00	200.00	-91.00	54.5%
4110 · Misc	14.78	100.00	-85.22	14.8%
Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing	254.78	400.00	-145.22	63.7%
4200 · Membership Dues	1,036.50	4,500.00	-3,463.50	23.0%
4300 · Program Services Revenue				
4301 · Awards & Grants				
4301.1 · Awards	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4301.2 · Grants	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Total 4301 · Awards & Grants	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
4302 · Donations & Memorials				
4302 · Donations & Memorials	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
4305 · Newsletter Advertising				
4305 · Newsletter Advertising	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
4309 · Penny Pines				
4309 · Penny Pines	83.75			
Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue	83.75	500.00	-416.25	16.8%
4400 · Special Events				
4401 · Around & Abouts				
4401 · Around & Abouts	143.00			
4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income				
4402.1 · Member meals Holiday Luncheon	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income	0.00	3,750.00	-3,750.00	0.0%
4403 · Spring Luncheon Income				
4403.1 · Member meals Spring Luncheon	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
4403.2 · Other Income Spring Luncheon	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Total 4403 · Spring Luncheon Income	0.00	3,750.00	-3,750.00	0.0%
Total 4400 · Special Events	143.00	7,500.00	-7,357.00	1.9%
Total 4000 · INCOME	1,518.03	12,900.00	-11,381.97	11.8%
Total Income	1,518.03	12,900.00	-11,381.97	11.8%
Gross Profit	1,518.03	12,900.00	-11,381.97	11.8%
Expense				
6500 · EXPENSE				
6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses				
6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6507 · Plants Meetings	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Total 6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6700 · Management & General				
6701 · Chamber Dues (Wellington)	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6702 · Correspondence	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6703 · Discretionary	28.32	250.00	-221.68	11.3%
6704 · Historian	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
6705 · Insurance	577.50	700.00	-122.50	82.5%
6706 · Membership	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6707 · Newsletter	24.00	300.00	-276.00	8.0%
6708 · Postage	12.96			
6709 · President's Expense	57.07	800.00	-742.93	7.1%
6710 · Printing Expense	55.00			
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	260.00	400.00	-140.00	65.0%
6712 · Website	267.98	350.00	-82.02	76.6%
6713 · Yearbook	570.86	800.00	-229.14	71.4%
6717 · Miscellaneous				

WGC BoD Meeting

September 29, 2021

Community Garden at Wellington Boys & Girls Club

The B&G Club garden will tentatively start with the children on October 12. We will have an organizational meeting on September 30.

The garden was not solarized this past summer because we didn't have enough money to purchase the proper plastic covering, so the weeds took over. The Village of Wellington helped us pull weeds and provided double cut pine bark mulch; we have a large pallet of mulch to spread.

Funding from the Young Professionals of Wellington is on pause until they hold their Halloween fund raiser this October.

We need to have more help in the garden and I will make an appeal at our next membership meeting

John Siena

Co-chair

amy.schwed@gmail.com

From: Tina Richter <tinaj.richter@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Maria Wolfe; Amy Schwed
Subject: Board Meeting and Member Meeting

Hi,
I don't have anything for the board meeting this month. I am beginning a home renovation project next week and so I will not be able to attend either meeting.

However if you could mention at both meetings that I will need any photos, articles, tips or cartoons by 10/15 I would appreciate it.

Also if anyone took photos at our Sip n Stroll last Friday please send them to me. I can't believe that I forgot completely. But I guess I was having too much fun! It really was a great event and a super idea.

Thanks again. Tina

Alison Albury (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Cass Stryker (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

To Approve Minutes
of Aug BOB
Meeting

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Kathy Siena (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Twig Morris (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

I move that we make
a \$200 donation to
Force Blue and \$100
to Force Blue speaker.