

**Wellington Garden Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 5, 2022, 9:30 AM  
Live 360 Studio**

Attendees: JoAnn Akins, Alison Albury, Mary Barbara Alexander, Evvy Bartley, Tina Richter Becker, Stormi Bivin, Kathy Hood, Joan Kaplan, Linda Messina, Carol Ralph, Dee Rolfe, Amy Schwed, John Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Maria Wolfe, Bobbi Ziegler

Absentees: Kay Brown, Carol Coleman, Huguette Damas, Linda DeSanti, Lisa Ferrano, Maxine Fisher, Larry Grosser, Kathy Hernicz, Kate Kouba, Twig Morris, Diane Rice, Jan Seagrave, Kathy Siena, Cass Stryker, Chrystine Tauber, Jim Thompson

I. Call to Order

- A. A quorum was established.
- B. Cell phones were silenced.

II. Officer Reports

A. President's Report:

1. The lifesaver award was given to Linda De Santi and her team for the outstanding job they did at the December luncheon.
2. The next Sip n' Stroll will be on Friday, January 14, 2022 at Sandy Sklar's house from 4-6 PM. Please sign up at the Membership meeting on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Bring an interesting appetizer and whatever you'd like to sip.
3. Bonsai classes led by Kimberly Helms will be on Thursdays, January 27<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM, at her house. There will be a maximum of 10 people at each session. If more than 10 people sign up, a wait list will be created with the possibility of another class being created. The member cost will be \$25 which will cover the cost of the materials being used. Kimberly will bring samples of her work to the January 10, 2022 meeting. The January 27<sup>th</sup> class will be using bougainville and the February 24<sup>th</sup> class will work with either jade or juniper.
4. The New Member Reception will be at the home of Kimberly Helms on Thursday, March 10, 2022. We currently have 21 new members. Set-up will begin at 9:00 AM, with BOD members helping with the set-up and providing the food. The new members will arrive at 10:00 AM. The BOD members will mingle and tell the new members what the WGC is all about. Additionally, they will encourage the new members to help with the upcoming Garden Tour on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alison Albury stated that 9 new members did not have mentors. There were 2 volunteers to be mentors.
5. The next BOD meeting will be Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in the Live 360 Studio.
6. Maria Wolfe spoke about the Woodsy Owl Poster Contest and asked if we thought the WGC should present the 3 top local winners with a trophy or a ribbon or

some type of written award. Kathy Schneider sponsors her junior garden club members participation in this event. The top 3 local winners will present their posters at the state level, and potentially may proceed to the national level. A big discussion followed about whether we should donate a cash amount to be awarded to the winners or money to purchase trophies. John Siena made a motion, seconded by Alison Albury, that the WGC should appropriate up to \$75 to purchase trophies for the top 3 children who participated in the Smoky Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. The vote to do so was unanimous.

B. Amy Schwed's minutes from the November 15, 2021 were up for approval. Stormi Bivin asked for a rewording of Section 4B, the Garden Tour, clarifying the section on approaching stores such as Whole Foods directly to solicit ads for the Garden Tour book. Additionally, it was suggested putting that information at the end of the paragraph. The minutes were approved with the editing changes being made.

C. Danese Sloan-Kendall said the financial statements were posted on-line.

D. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

1. Carol Ralph spoke about the upcoming Around and About Tour of Joseph Chammas' Gratitude Garden Farm on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chammas said there is no limit on how many people can attend. The tour begins at 10 AM and car pools will meet at 9:15 AM and depart at 9:30 AM. When the tour is completed, lunch will be at Kokomo Grill. The February 17<sup>th</sup> tour will be to Betty and Joe Libertucci's private garden. Maria Wolfe said that Joe Libertucci travels extensively around the world and picks up a variety of very different plants wherever he goes. We will get to see this unusual collection. Lunch following the tour is tentatively scheduled at Papichulo's, located in front of the Royal Palm Theater.

E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Mary Barbara Alexander told us that Joseph Chammas, our January 10<sup>th</sup> speaker, (and the owner of the Gratitude Garden) is currently in the U.K. with his dying mother. It's not known if he will be back in time to be our speaker on January 10, 2022.. However, either his wife or assistant will speak, and both do an excellent job. The speaker will give about a 35 minute overview presentation, followed by a Q&A from the audience. He or she will bring mushroom bars they have developed and there may be other samples as well from the Gratitude Garden. There is no fee for this presentation. However, the February speaker has a \$125 fee.

### III. Standing Committee Reports

1. Carol Lazzarino will be presenting a Garden Art Workshop, creating an air plant project at 9:30 AM at the Wellington Community Center. This will be on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

2. Tina Richter received many compliments on her great January 2022 newsletter. Tina mentioned that she would appreciate members helping her by sending her dates of their events so she can place them in the project calendar of events in the newsletters.

3. Stormi Bivin spoke about training for Wekiva volunteers that will take place Friday, 2/11/22 beginning at 1 PM through Sunday 2/13,22 ending at noon. Stormi will be going and Carol Ralph and Maria Wolfe volunteered to go as well. The training gives an



overview of what is done during the summer each week with the campers and includes the work done in the crafts room (with air conditioning!) or in themed nature work (outside)

#### IV. Special Committee Reports

A. The Spring Luncheon needs a chairperson! This luncheon honors scholarship recipients.

B. The Garden Tour report from Carol Coleman was read by Carol Ralph. It listed the owners of the gardens that will be in the Garden Tour on April 2, 2022. It named Banyon Printing as the tour booklet printer and stated the size of this booklet would be the same size as our yearbook and noted what it would include. There will be information about the sponsorship form to hand out at the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and we need to begin selling ads for the booklet.. Carol Coleman is currently working on the budget for the Garden Tour .

C. The Shredding Event will take place on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. It will be at the VOW Village Hall. Barbara Zenker needs publicity to go to the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, Palm Beach Post and Town Crier about this event. The cost for the shredding will be \$5 for a letter box and \$10 for a legal box. Since there is no cost for the WGC, all money received is pure profit. Volunteers to help with this fund raiser would be asked to come ½ earlier for set up and stay ½ hour later for the break down, which would make their hours 9:30 to 12:30.

#### V. New Business

A. Stormi Bivin was asked if the Kings Academy performance of Romeo and Juliet, scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, was still on. She said it was. She also mentioned that masks are NOT required. If anyone is uncomfortable going, refunds would be available. The question was “how do we deal with this request?” This is a WGC fund raiser, and our club gets \$5 for every ticket we sell. Buyers pay the regular price, but Kings Academy gives us \$5 back for each ticket we sell. Since we use the ticket sale \$5 for our fund raising, do we refund it or not? The general consensus was that if a member wanted the full cost of the ticket back, give it to her/him. If not specifically requested, keep it for our fund-raising needs.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Schwed  
Recording Secretary

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

JOHN SIGMA (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Alison Albany (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

Appropriate up to \$75  
To purchase ~~For~~ Trophies  
for top 3 kids who  
participated in Smiley  
Bear Wordsey/WL contest

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- I. Call to Order
  - A. Establish a quorum
  - B. Silence all cell phones
  
- II. Officer Reports
  - A. President's Report:**
    1. Lifesaver Award
    2. 50/50 Raffle Tickets – 40 Tickets at \$5.00 each
    3. Sip 'n Stroll – at the home of Sandy Sklar on Friday, January 14, 2022 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm
    4. Bonsai Classes with Kimberly Helms \$25.00 January 27, February 24, March 31, April 28
    5. New Member Reception – at home of Kimberly Helms on Thursday, March 10 set-up 9:00am, Members arrive 10:00am
    6. Next BOD meeting is Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 9:30am
    7. Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Incentive?
  - B. Recording Secretary** - Amy Schwed: Minutes of November 15, 2021 BOD meeting. Any additions or corrections?
  - C. Treasurer** – Danese Sloan-Kendall:
  - D. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** –
    1. Around & About - Gratitude Garden tour on Thursday, January 13, 2022 lunch following at Kokomo's and Betty & Joe Libertucci private garden on Thursday, February 17, 2022 with lunch following at Papichulo's (tentative).
  - E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Mary Barbara Alexander: Program on January 10, 2022
  
- III. Standing Committee Reports
  1. Garden Art – February 9, 2022 – Carol Lazzarino
  
- IV. Special Committee Reports
  - A. Spring Luncheon – Need chairman
  - B. Garden Tour – Carol Coleman – Saturday, April 2, 2022
  - C. Shredding Event – February 19, 2022 9:30 – 12:30am at VOW Village Hall
  
- V. New Business
  
- VI. Adjourn

Gardens of Distinction report 12/31/2021

Carol Ralph and I met and worked on the Garden Tour for April 2, 2022. I have notified the owners of the gardens we will be using on the tour. They are as follows:

1. Uma Bhatti
2. Petra Russell
3. Gary and Amy Swendenberg
4. Linda Umla and Viv Munden
5. Todd Flettrich
6. Anne Hlasicek

We have chosen Banyon Printing as the printer of the tour booklet and I am getting prices for advertising of the ads. The size of the booklet will be the same size as our yearbook. It will include a description of the gardens and the address. There will be a map showing the locations of the houses. There will also be ads from vendors and sponsors.

In addition, we have changed the information on the sponsorship form and the letter to the business owners and made copies to hand out at our meeting. We need to start getting sponsors now so as to have time to get them placed in the tour booklet. Carol R has started working on the booklet and we now have a cover. I would love to sell ads for the inside of the front and back pages and the outside back cover as soon as possible.

I am currently working on the budget for the tour. Much of this information depends on the membership going out and procuring ads and sponsors. I have attached a preliminary budget for your approval.

As information is accumulated, I will be in contact with Carol R and we will be filling in the pages of the tour booklet.

Respectfully,

Carol Coleman