

Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting
February 23, 2022
Live 360 Studio

Attendees: Alison Albury, Mary Barbara Alexander, Evvy Bartley, Stormi Bivin, Lisa Ferrano, Kathy Hood, Joan Kaplan, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Dee Rolfe, Amy Schwed, Jan Seagrave, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Cass Stryker, Maria Wolfe

Absentees: Kay Brown, Carol Coleman, Huguette Damas, Linda DeSanti, Maxine Fisher, Larry Grosser, Kate Kouba, Carol Lazzarino, Diane Rice, Tina Richter, Chrystine Tauber, Jim Thompson, Bobbi Ziegler

I. The meeting was called to order

- A. A quorum was established
- B. Cell phones were silenced
- C. We voted to start BOD meetings at 9:30AM

II. Officer Reports

A. President's Report:

- 1. The Lifesaver Award was given to JoAnn Akins for her great work for many years doing the plant raffles at the membership meetings.
- 2. The February 7, 2022 membership meeting had 75 members and 10 guests.
- 3. We were notified by Maria Wolfe that Connie Kilgore, a long time member, was in a coma.
- 4. We were reminded that the Membership Education Expense Reimbursement forms are available on line and should be submitted to Evvy Bartley.
- 5. The next Sip 'n Stroll is at JanWarshauer's house on Friday March 11, 2022 from 4 - 6PM. Sign up early, as Jan has limited space. Car pools are encouraged. Bring an appetizer of your choice and whatever you'd like to drink.
- 6. The WGC was thanked for our proposed donation to the High School Essay Contest, but sponsors of the contest asked us to hold this donation this year, as it was too late to add it now. They would be delighted to get it next year.
- 7. We placed a full page, black and white ad in the FFGC booklet, highlighting the WGC achievements over this past year highlighting the WGC's 40th anniversary.

8. The Wellington Chamber of Commerce is having a Hurdle Haul (a 5K race) on Sunday, April 24, 2022. If we want to have a booth and be a vendor there, it will cost us \$150 and we would have to provide our own tent. We would have to be set up by 6:45 AM. We decided that we would pass on being involved in this event other than possibly sponsoring 2 runners for \$50 each.

9. The Fall District X Meeting will be on Friday, October 21, 2022, hosted by the WGC. It will have a patriotic theme. Cass Stryker is the vendor chairperson, Linda DeSanti is doing floral arrangements, Carol Ralph is doing the program and Mary Barbara Alexander has the speaker. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, raffle baskets and name tags for the meeting. The Wellington mayor will greet the guests.

10. The Spring District X meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. The Ocean Ridge Garden Club is hosting it in Gulf Stream, FL, at the Little Club Private Golf Course. In conjunction with the spring meeting, the District X Judges' Council is having a flower show, complete with a presentation on what to look for in the designs displayed. There is a \$50 fee to attend and lunch is included. We can car pool, as it is pretty far from us.

11. The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 9:30AM.

B. Recording Secretary, Amy Schwed's minutes of the January 26, 2022 meeting came up for approval. There was a blank for the amount of money sent to Penny Pines in our donation. Danese Sloan-Kendall provided the amount, which was \$136. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

C. Treasurer, Danese Sloan-Kendall, discussed the fact that new members, who joined after January 2022 only need to pay \$12.50 in dues, but that some new members paid the full membership dues. The question arose as to how to deal with this situation, but we had no definitive answer as yet. We discussed whether we should keep the incorrect dues paid as a donation or not. We then spoke about collecting only \$12.50 for the next year for those who paid full dues recently. Next, we talked about the possibility of giving the new members their checks back, asking for a new check for the correct amount. By March 15, 2022, the committee chairs need to notify Danese if there are any changes for their budgets next year. April 30, 2022 is when annual renewal dues for 2022-2023 must be sent in, but Margaret Tamsberg will start receiving dues for the 2022-2023 year during the March 7th membership meeting. The new budget for the year is presented in April, 2022 and will be voted on at the May luncheon.

D. Carol Ralph, the 1st Vice President, spoke about the Around & About scheduled for March 17, 2022 at the home of Hank Bonner in Palm City. It will be in honor of Ed Hand, his deceased partner. It is a 5.8 acre garden with 120 palm species, 25 tropical bamboos, orchids, and bromeliads. Some bromeliads will be

available for purchase. At this time, there is no place selected for lunch after the tour.

E. Mary Barbara Alexander told us that the March 7, 2022 speaker would be Pirjo Amato, who will be talking about orchids. The District X Fall meeting speaker will be from Force Blue again! Cass Stryker may have a possible speaker for next year - Chase Landry, the author of many garden books. Cass was asked to forward all information on this speaker to Mary Barbara Alexander, who arranges for the monthly speakers. Maria Wolfe told us that the theme for our first fall meeting will be something patriotic. She's working on the actual title.

III. Standing Committee Reports.

1. Maria Wolfe spoke about the New Member Reception. It will be on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at the Wellington Community Center. The BOD were asked to provide lunch items for the reception and a sign-up sheet was passed around to volunteer to bring various items: finger sandwiches (such as egg salad or tuna salad), side dishes and desserts. (Nothing that needs to be heated.) Those who volunteered to help set up need to be at the Community Center by 9AM. Linda Messina, Carol Ralph, Mary Barbara Alexander, Kathy Hood, Dee Rolfe and Amy Schwed volunteered to help set up. All of us will help clean up! Guests will arrive at 10AM. Each of the Committee Chairs will give a brief 3 minute talk about their committees. A note will be sent out, with a RSVP date of February 28, 2022 so we will know how many people to prepare for. It is estimated there will be between 50 and 60 people, which includes board members, new members and mentors. It was determined that it would be too expensive to have this event catered.

2. The Spring/Scholarship Luncheon will be on Monday, May 2, 2022 at the El Sabor Latino Restaurant on Jog Road at Forest Hill Boulevard, Greenacres. It will cost \$35 and will provide a variety of foods, plus a cash bar. There will be a 50/50 raffle. Our budget for this luncheon is \$210 which will cover the cost of 6 guests. We thanked Evvy Bartley for arranging for this restaurant.

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. Carol Ralph spoke for Carol Coleman about the Gardens of Distinction Tour on Saturday, April 2, 2022. There will be member grown plants on sale at Petra Russell's home. There will also be 50/50 raffle tickets, but their cost hasn't been determined yet. Carol Ralph has forms for sponsors which includes contributions and donations, sponsor ads, cover letter, flyers and tickets. Carol Ralph will send us any that we need electronically. Carol needs the name of each person buying the ticket and that person's email address. Stormi Bivin shared that she had sent out 7 personal letters with attachments, requesting ads for the garden

club tour booklet, to people she had done business with and she had already received 4 positive responses! The booklet that tells about the 6 homes on the tour must be picked up at the Wellington Community Center between 9:45 AM and 3:00 PM. People purchasing their tickets the day of the tour can only buy the tickets at the Community Center. The booklet everyone receives includes the map to each of the garden homes. Greeters at each home will check off the visitor's ticket with the particular number representing the six homes on the tour. Greeters will work either 9:45 AM to 12:45 PM or 12:45 PM to 4:00 PM. Members will be able to get a block of tickets to sell to friends. Carol Ralph will have them at the March 7th meeting. Please remember to get the names of each buyer and their email address. Tour volunteers can visit the 6 gardens the day before. They each will have the option of not paying for their ticket in order to donate the cost of the ticket to the WGC. Since we need a table and chairs for the greeters at each garden tour site, it was suggested that we ask the homeowners if they have them for our use. If not, we'll need to provide our own. Tickets will also be sold at the Wellington Community Center. The tickets will be numbered. Tour booklets are only available at this site. Carol Coleman is holding a meeting at her house tomorrow, February 24th at 2PM about the garden tours.

B. The shredding event run by Barbara Zenker was very successful. It brought in \$834, which is pure profit for the WGC. It was advertised in a Chamber of Commerce eblast, the Town Crier, Habitat for Humanity, social media, by word of mouth and members. Barbara Zenker was assisted by Gwen Marcus, Alison Albury, Carol Ralph, Maria Wolfe, Kathy Hood, Caroline Kessman, Dora Bellamo and new member, Kristi Floyd. Barbara was told that next year (January or February, 2023) the shredding company will have to charge for their services, \$75 an hour for the two hours they are there. They have donated the use of the shredding machine in the past. Evvy Bartley and Kathy Siena will see if they can find another company that will shred for free.

V. New Business

1. Kathy Siena spoke about the FFGC Convention that will take place April 12 - 14, 2022 in Orlando. Its theme is "Sound of Music". The cost to attend is \$100 each day.

2. Stormi Bivin spoke about 7 January cancellations for Romeo and Juliet at the Kings Academy, due to the fact that the theater has a non-masking ruling. Stormi had been told that their ticket money would be refunded, but it is taking a long time for that to happen. She made a motion for the WGC to reimburse the 7 ticket holders from WGC funds, (which is under \$300) and would be paid back to our treasury when Kings Academy finally sends the refunds. There will be no final out-of-pocket cost. Amy Schwed seconded the motion and the motion carried.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Schwed, Recording Secretary

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Stormi Bivin (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Amy Schwed (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

I move to reimburse
cancelled tickets for TKA
Romeo & Juliet & then
get reimbursed from
TKA later.

Report to BOD/General Membership

Shredding Event

Saturday, February 19, 2022

A beautiful day in Wellington welcomed all the participants in the Wellington Garden Club Shredding Event. WGC Members who participated were: Barbara Zenker, Chair, Gwen Marcus, Alison Albury, Carol Ralph, Kathy Hood, Kristi Floyd, Caroline Kessman, Dora Bellomo and Maria Wolfe. Special guests were former Mayor Tom Wenham and his wife Regis, current Vice Mayor (and new WGC member) John McGovern, club members and many community residents that were able to take advantage of the opportunity to shred their confidential papers. Our youngest participants covered their ears at the loud sounds of the truck. WGC thanks the community for their support in honor of Habitat for Humanity, scholarships, youth gardens and SEEK and Camp Wekiva participants. It raised a total of \$834.00.

Beginning in 2023, Total Shredding will charge \$75.00/hr for this service.

Publicity:

Wellington Chamber 4

Town Crier – 6

Word of Mouth – 8

Social Media/Web Sites/Nextdoor – 7

Members – 5

Habitat for Humanity - 2