

**Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting
April 27, 2022
Live 360 Studio**

Attendees: JoAnn Akins, Alison Albury, Mary Barbara Alexander, Stormi Bivin, Huguette Damas, Kathy Hood, Joan Kaplan, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Dee Rolfe, Amy Schwed, Jan Seagrave, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Cass Stryker, Maria Wolfe, Bobbi Ziegler

Absentees: Evvy Bartley, Kay Brown, Carol Coleman, Linda DeSanti, Maxine Fisher, Larry Grosser, Kate Kouba, Carol Lazzarino, Carol Ralph, Diane Rice, Tina Richter, Chrystine Tauber, Jim Thompson

I. Call to Order

- A. A quorum was established
- B. We were asked to silence our cell phones

II. Officer Reports

A. President's Report:

- 1. The Lifesaver Award was given to John Siena for leading the team who chose the scholarship recipients.
- 2. The April 4, 2022 Membership Meeting had 72 members and 17 guests in attendance.
- 3. Our membership renewals have been excellent, with 124 members renewing. To date, only 18 members have not renewed, which means we will start the year at 124 members, if there are no more renewals.
- 4. We collected \$176.50 in Coral Reef Restoration donations at April's membership meeting. That was more than ½ of what had been in this year's budget, which was \$300! Coralapoolza will be on June 3-4, 2022 in Tavernier, FL. If you are a licensed scuba diver, they will take you down to see the coral reef, for \$100. This includes your registration to participate in the dive and the restoration work on the reef.
- 5. On Monday, May 30, 2022, there will be a Memorial Day Parade at Veterans' Memorial Park, beginning at 8:15am. The WGC will have a tent there and Linda DeSanti will be running it.
- 6. The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, August 31, 2022 and will probably be at the Live 360 Studio.

- B. Recording Secretary, Amy Schwed would like the minutes from the

March 30, 2022 BOD meeting approved. She asked for any additions or corrections. Cass Stryker said that on the last page, #2, incorrectly states that the plant vendors are being asked for a donation “of a plant to be used in the raffle”. They are not being asked to donate a plant. Stormi Bivin noted that the conservative estimate in the budget for the membership meeting plant raffles is that they will net about \$80 per month. Additionally, Stormi said that the discussion about having a memorial brick placed at FFGC headquarters in Winter Park, FL pertained to a current member who passed away and it was an option that the WGC may choose to do. No vote was taken on this issue. We can decide on an individual basis in the future, “to brick or not to brick”, or possibly send flowers. The minutes were approved as amended.

C. The Treasurer, Danese Sloan-Kendall, discussed the budget for the 2022-2023 year. Stormi Bivin said there was no fundraiser income noted. She stated that the plant sales were important for the WGC. Maria Wolfe stated that Carol Ralph is planning to chair a plant sale. If that does not happen, we need to plan something else, as a fundraiser is needed. Additionally, Stormi said she would do Kings Academy again as another fundraiser. Jan Seagrave is looking into doing an organic soil additive (Coconut Coir). It would be a small fundraiser, with advertising to other garden clubs. Coir is sold as a brick but it can be broken apart. It is all natural coconut fiber, but it will take member and community education to learn about its efficacy. It was also suggested that we might have a table at the District X meeting, and sell the Coir there. We then discussed that money for an honorary award, item 6806, had gone down, post Covid. Then, item 6819, the Wekiva Capital Fund allocation, was also down in the allocations. We will vote if we need more money for these items, later. There was an error of omission - the Spring luncheon was not included in the new budget, but Danese will add it as soon as she gets home. Danese will send the revised budget to Maria and Maria will send it out to the WGC membership today. John Siena asked if beginning and ending balances in the WGC checkbook could be given in reports, as it helps with an estimate to build budgets on. Twig Morris asked if the dates of Finance committee meetings could be announced, so that guests can attend. Maria will make that happen! The District X Fall Meeting has no line item amount listed yet. It will be included in the budget once the amount is determined. Voting on the amended budget will happen at the Spring/Scholarship luncheon, May 2, 2022.

III. Standing Committee Reports

1. John Siena, the Scholarship chair reported on the 4 students who will be given WGC scholarships at the Spring/Scholarship luncheon. Each will be awarded \$1,000 that will be sent directly to the school they will be attending in the

fall. See attached report for more information.

2 The Spring/Scholarship luncheon will be Monday, May 2, 2022 at El Sabor Latino. There will be 74 members and 5 guests attending.

3. Awards. Twig Morris told us that Kathy Siena had received an award for outstanding service. It will be read at the May 2nd luncheon.

4. Earth Day was Saturday, April 23, 2022 and Larry Grosser sent thanks for the big turnout.

5. The Unsolicited Landscape Award for a private residence was won by Petra Russell.

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. Fall District Meeting - October 21, 2022

1. The theme is “A Tribute to American Heroes”
2. Mary Barbara Alexander has arranged for a Force Blue speaker.
3. The venue is the Wanderers Club
4. Cass Stryker is dealing with getting the vendors
5. Linda DeSanti is handling the centerpieces
6. The registrar will be Marianne Forest, a new member
7. The raffles will be handled by Bobbi Ziegler, who is hoping to get good prizes donated. Dee Rolfe will have a craft booth.
8. The invitations will be created by Carol Lazzarino, Linda DeSanti and Maria Wolfe.

V. New Business

1. It was suggested that we consider doing a 50/50 raffle at regular membership meetings. It would be a win-win, and “found” money for the club.
2. Another idea was to show a 1 ½ hour video, “Symphony of the Soil” to the membership.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Schwed, Recording Secretary