

Wellington Garden Club
Members' Meeting
Wellington Community Center
April 4, 2022 @ 9:30am

I. Welcome - Maria Wolfe

- a. A quorum was established
- b. Everyone was asked to silence their cell phones
- c. We stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Mary Barbara Alexander introduced our guest speaker, Susan Lerner, who spoke about Native Plant Propagation and Seed Saving.

III. Executive Committee Reports

A. President - Maria Wolfe

1. The Spring District Meeting will be held at the Little Club Private Golf Course in Gulfstream, FL. The Judges Council Flower Show (which Susan Hillson and Jan Warshauer had spoken about last month) will be held immediately after lunch. Susan Lerner will be the Keynote speaker. Maria Wolfe encouraged members to sign up for this luncheon.
2. Maria W. asked members if they knew how much the Wellington Garden Club gives back to the community. The total is \$9,745.00! It is your dues, fundraisers such as your plant sales, fertilizers sales, Garden Tour and shredding event, that allows us to give back to this community. Maria asked FFGC how much was the total of all the garden clubs in the State of Florida and Maria was advised it was over \$200,000.00. That says a lot about the FFGC.
3. Maria talked about the Penny Pines and where our donations are used and the Coral Reef Restoration. Maria shared in detail what the Coral Reef Restoration has accomplished. CRR has returned 102,395 corals to restoration sights in over 17,000 square meters of Florida coral reef. In 2020, they put 27,293 corals back into the wild: Staghorn corals, 15,000; Elkhorn corals, 6,000; Boulder corals that you see when you are snorkeling, over 5,000. Carysfort Reef is one of the most iconic reefs in the entire world. Over the last 40 years that reef was pushed almost to the brink of extinction. But thanks to a partnership between CRR and the Ocean Reef Club, Carysfort Reef is back on the map as a successful reef restoration.
4. Maria asked the members who provided the wonderful refreshments for our social hour to stand and thanks were expressed through applause. One of Maria's goals as president is to make an environmental impact. WGC is now using cardboard cups, bamboo silverware, and reuseable tablecloths in an effort to reduce plastic consumption.
5. Garden Tip of the Month – Maria W. explained how to clean white residue from clay pots. In a spray bottle put equal parts of white vinegar, rubbing

III.B.5 (Cont.) alcohol and water. Spray it on, use a brush and let it dry. The residue will come out. Once you have done that, you wash the pot completely before you put your plant in it.

- III. B. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the Members Meeting of March 7, 2022. Therefore, they are accepted as presented.
- C. Joan Kaplan, Corresponding Secretary, read letters from FFGC on behalf of Camp Wekiva and the Habitat for Humanity, thanking WGC for our donations.
- D. Danese Sloan-Kendall presented her treasurer's report, which is attached. Also attached is the P&L. Danese S-K stated the proposed budget for the next year would be going out soon.
- E. Margaret Tamsberg spoke about WGC dues renewal and encouraged members to get their dues paid before the end of April to avoid being dropped from the membership rolls.
- F. Maria advised that the Chairperson for the Habitat for Humanity for WGC is Lisa Ferrano.

IV. Committee Chair Reports

- G. Alison Albury advised we have 32 new members since September. See attached report for a complete list of guests and new members. The yearbook and a pin were given to each new member.
- H. John Siena spoke about College Scholarships. We will be presenting 4 scholarships at the May luncheon. See attached report.
- I. Lisa Ferrano spoke about SEEK (Seeking Excellence and Education through Knowledge). Please see attached report for full details of Lisa's report. She also read a letter from a previous scholarship recipient.
- J. John Siena – Horticultural Moment – John S explained how to propagate Coontie palms.
- K. Kathy Siena - Tree Planting Report – WGC has planted 1083 trees from March 2021 to March 31, 2022. See attached report for full details.
- L. Kathy Siena - Youth Gardens Club Report. See attached report for details.
- M. Caroline Kessman, Chair – Spring/Scholarship Luncheon will be held at El Sabor Latino on Monday, May 2, 2022. Member cost is \$35.00. Cutoff for sign up is the end of April. There will be no raffle, no 50/50 raffle. We will play bingo for \$5.00. You will get 5 cards, 5 games, 3 chances to win for each game.
- N. Larry Grosser spoke about Earth Day, which is Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 11:00am – 1:00pm on the patio behind the Wellington Community Center. WGC will have a table. We encourage all of you to come with your family and friends. Lisa Ferrano advised the VOW would be giving away Butterfly orchids with care instructions.

V. Fundraisers

- O. Carol Coleman – presented the "Gardens of Distinction" report. The total income is \$11,247.66. See attached report for full details. Net income is approximately \$9,000.00.

VI. New Business

- P. Maria Wolfe announced that the Greater Palm Beach Rose Show is at the Mall at Wellington Green on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Members are invited to enter the design classes.
- Q. Mark your calendars for Monday, May 30, 2022. That is Memorial Day. The VOW has invited the WGC to participate in the parade. Wear your WGC shirts. It is at 8:15. The parade starts right at Village Hall. We are done by 9:30am – 10:00am
- R. Paige Griffin announced the return of the Honor Flight this Saturday at PBI at around 7:00pm.
- S. Dee Rolfe announced that the Craft Boutique at the garden tour netted \$659.36.
- T. Maria W. announced that the VOW has invited the WGC members to a "Senior Prom" which is April 5, 2022 at the Village Park Auditorium. If you are interested, see the receptionists at the front desk of the WCC.
- U. JoAnn Akins announced we made \$118.00 in the plant raffle. There are plants left which are free to a good home.
- V. Maria Wolfe thanked the Homeowners who opened their gardens for the garden tour.

VII. Name Tag Raffle – Thank you to Dee Rolfe and Stormi Bivin for the gifts they donated. Cynthia Craig, Caren Griffin, Barbara Zenker and Kathy Hood were winners.

VIII. The Meeting was Adjourned at 12:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ralph