

**Wellington Garden Club**  
**BOD Meeting Minutes**  
**November 30, 2022, 9:30AM**  
**Wellington Community Center**

Attendees: Mary Barbara Alexander, Stormi Bivin, Huguette Damas, Linda DeSanti, Lisa Ferrano, Kathy Hood, Carol Lazzarino, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Tina Richter, Dee Rolfe, Jan Seagrave, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Maria Wolfe

Absent: JoAnn Akins, Alison Albury, Evvy Bartley, Kay Brown, Carol Coleman, Maxine Fisher, Larry Grosser, Kimberly Helms, Joan Kaplan, Kate Kouba, Diane Rice, Amy Schwed, John Siena, Cass Stryker, Chrystine Tauber, Jim Thompson, Bobbi Ziegler

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:32AM.
  - A. A quorum was established.
  - B. Maria Wolfe asked that all cell phones be silenced.
- II. Officer Reports
  - A. President's Report:
    1. Maria advised that attendance for the November membership meeting had 81 members and 13 guests – many of those guests converted to members.
    2. Maria submitted a financial report for WAS/WGC Holiday Gift Boutique for the BOD to review. The bottom line is that we made \$1307.17. It is considered by BOD members that this is something we would be willing to do in the future. (See attached report). Maria suggested that we use the nursery that she purchased the native milkweed from for future events such as the Plant Sale.
    3. Ad for the Convention – We budget \$100.00 every year for a full page black & white ad. Maria is looking for suggestions. Twig Morris suggested using the theme that the spring of 2023 is the changing to a new Cabinet of officers and thanking those who have served for the past two years. Tina Richter offered to work on the ad.
    4. FFGC Quilt to commemorate 100 years – square. Tina Tuttle wants to create a quilt of a square from each one of the clubs in Florida. Jan Seagrave agreed to create the square for the Wellington Garden Club.
    5. At this point Maria walked around the table passing out a Christmas gift as a token of her appreciation to all of the BOD members.
    6. Maria and Kathy Siena still have 50/50 Raffle Tickets – at \$5.00 each. This is associated with the FFGC Convention.
    7. The 66<sup>th</sup> Tropical Short Course will be held January 25 – 26, 2023 at the Greenacres Community Center. Jim West will be one of the speakers and he will be talking about the Monarch Butterfly. There will be native orchids for sale. We are being asked to donate a raffle item for each day. Dee Rolfe has a mailbox. Linda DeSanti suggested that we use the large, beautiful pot which we have had for so long and that we use a nice plant to donate with the pot. Stormi Bivin will take care of placing a plant in the pot.

8. The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 9:30AM. The membership meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2023.
- B. The Minutes for the October 26, 2023 were submitted for review prior to the meeting. Maria asked for any additions or corrections. Danese Sloan-Kendall questioned II.A. what is the District X/FFGC Officers' Tour. Maria explained it was the Fall District X Meeting at which the FFGC Officers were in attendance. This will be changed to reflect that. Stormi Bivin – Page 3 paragraph B. re TKA performances. We had information sheets at the November 7 meeting, not “Sign up” sheets. Page 4 – Paragraph E. Wekiva Youth Camp. Registration is January, not February. The minutes stand approved as corrected.
- C. Treasurer's Report – Danese Sloan-Kendall – Danese had provided a P&L dated November 22. She will update it and submit a treasurer's report in the next few days. 1) Danese questioned the Sunset Social. Maria answered her question that it was the dinner provided to the FFGC visitors the evening prior to the District X Meeting. Danese will check out all the items. Twig had questioned what the \$625.95 and it was \$390 to Ann Hlasnicek for the dinner and balance was misc items purchased by misc. people. Maria had prepared a budget for the District X meeting. The total income was \$802.83. The last thing Danese addressed was the change in date for collection of the dues. FFGC wants to receive the dues a month earlier. We need to advise members that we have to collect the dues earlier. The problem is those that don't pay in time will cause more paperwork for Danese to reinstate those members on the FFGC member list. If we change the date of collection, it will have to be handled by the Articles of Association committee. After discussion, it was decided that we do have to move up the collection date. Per Maria, the Articles of Association committee will meet to take care of the changes to the Articles of Association.
- D. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President –
  1. Carol Ralph advised the BOD about the Around & About to Mounts Botanical Garden on Thursday, December 15, 2022 “Plants that Love Florida Summers” by Nada Vergili. The cost is \$15.00 per person. We will meet for lunch afterward at El Mariachi. Kathy Siena talked about the A & A in January – A Tour of Wellington Nature Preserves with Will Gurney – Thursday, January 19, 2023. Lunch will follow at Oli's Fashion Cuisine. We will mention this A & A in the Eblast that goes out to the members with the Agenda for the January 9 meeting.
- E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Mary Barbara Alexander advised that Will Gurney will be our speaker at the January 9th membership meeting.
- F. At this point Danese Sloan-Kendall brought up the National Disaster Fund. We did not donate last year. After discussion, it was determined that the funds donated by each club can be specified by the club to go to a purpose of that club's choice. Linda DeSanti made a motion to raise our donation to \$100. Tina Richter seconded the motion. The motion passed the BOD. Maria suggested that we designate that the Ft. Myers Garden Club receive the donation.

### III Standing Committee Reports –

1. Wekiva Volunteer Training is scheduled for Friday, February 10 through Sunday, February 12, cost is \$75.00. Registration form can be found on [www.WekivaYouthCamp.org](http://www.WekivaYouthCamp.org). There is no refund after January 20, 2023. Maria asked Jan Seagrave about the children at the January membership meeting. She also asked about WGC's tri-fold info board for Wekiva.

- III. Standing Committee Reports (cont.)
  - 2. Tina Richter, Newsletter Editor, advised that members have asked for a printed copy of the Newsletter. Tina researched the cost with Southern Printing and it amounts to \$5.00 per copy including postage. Mary Barbara Alexander suggested we adopt one of the individuals that don't have access to a computer. Maria likes this idea. After discussion, it was decided that Tina Richter will keep a record of those that are asking for a hard copy. December 15, 2022 will be the next Newsletter deadline.
  - 3. Maria Wolfe advised that Kay Brown is not able to continue as a co-chair for the Adopt-A-Street program. Jim Thompson is willing to continue, but we need to find another person to replace Kay. Kay also needs help in her garden and is asking club members to step forward. Maria is handling finding people.
  - 4. Awards – Twig Morris – Twig went through the list of awards that have been submitted to FFGC. (See attached list).
- IV. Special Committee Reports –
  - A. Holiday Luncheon – Monday, December 5, 2022, at Madison Green, 95 attendees, the Women of Note Chorus will entertain us. It was determined that Ronnie Levay has enough help to create and to set up the centerpieces. The luncheon will start at 11:00am.
  - B. The Plant Sale/Earth Day, Horticultural Flower Show will be Saturday, April 22, 2023. Carol Ralph submitted the Plant Sale Report (see attached report). Carol Lazzarino asked if we will have classes on propagation. Petra Russell and Stormi Bivin will hold workshops on propagation for members separate from horticultural moments in the meeting.
- V. New Business –
  - A. Kathy Siena advised that Ann Gerwig is suggesting that we have brochures available with information about our garden club at strategic locations such as the front desk at the Wellington Community Center and the front desk at the Village Town Hall. Visitors have been asking what the VOW offers. The VOW is willing to pay for the brochure. Maria asked to be included in the design process. WGC has paid to have our logo in an EPS file, which allows anyone to resize the logo and not lose the clarity. This is still in the planning stages and is not yet approved by the VOW.
  - B. Dee Rolfe suggested that we have someone to back up the recording secretary so it is clear who can step in when the secretary is not available.
  - C. Stormi Bivin advised we sold 60 tickets to "Ruth The Musical". This resulted in WGC making \$300 on this fundraiser. "The Music Man" flyer will go out eblast within the next couple of days.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ralph  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President