

Wellington Garden Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 1, 2023  
Wellington Community Center

Attendees: Stormi Bivin, Huguette Damas, Linda DeSanti, Lisa Ferrano, Larry Grosser, Kathy Hood, Carol Lazzarino, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Dee Rolfe, Amy Schwed, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Maria Wolfe, Caroline Kessman

Guest: Marianne Forrest

Absentees: JoAnn Akins, Alison Albury, Mary Barbara Alexander, Evvy Bartley, Kay Brown, Carol Coleman, Maxine Fisher, Kathy Hernicz, Joan Kaplan, Kate Kouba, Diane Rice, Tina Richter, Jan Seagrave, Cass Stryker, Chrystine Tauber, Jim Thompson, Bobbi Ziegler

I. Call to Order

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

II. Officer Reports

A. President's Report

1. The Lifesaver Award was given to Kathy Siena for coordinating last month's Around and About and taking caring of finances when Maria was hospitalized.
2. Attendance at the January 9, 2023 membership meeting was 83 members and 13 guests. We have a total membership of 152 people.
3. The WGC members' meeting will now take place on the second floor of the Wellington Community Center in the ballroom, beginning February 6, 2023.
4. Maria Wolfe learned at the Tropical Short Course that 1800 manatees died due to malnutrition because of a shortage of seagrass. The Florida Oceanographic Institute has a research program whereby they are experimenting with the various seagrasses that grow in our area and how best to propogate them to slow down the loss of seagrass beds. Maria suggested that in lieu of our collection for Penny Pines we earmark that contribution to

the Florida Oceanographic Society. A motion was made by Linda DeSanti that we add the Florida Oceanographic Society to our monthly rotation of collections at our membership meetings and earmark one for seagrass restoration. It was seconded by Lisa Ferrano. After discussion it was passed by a vote of 14 for and 3 against.

5. The Articles of Association Amendment Changes to change the date that dues are due were approved by the BOD and will be brought to a vote at the Members' Meeting on February 6, 2023.

6. Amazonsmile is being discontinued, unfortunately.

7. The Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches is presenting the "Sounds of Spring" on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Holy Trinity Church of the Palm Beaches. They will have gourmet hors d'oeuvres and wine. A Carnegie Hall performer, Mace Graham, will perform on the organ. The cost to attend is \$35.00.

8. The FFGC Convention will present the "Worlds of Wonder Recycled" on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 through Thursday, April 20, 2023. You can register at FFGC.org. One of the keynote speakers is Stacy Matrazzo, the executive director from the Florida Wildlife Foundation.

9. The Environmental School Series, Course 1, from the Garden Club of Tampa will be available via Zoom on April 11 and 12, 2023.

10. The nominating committee for next year's board consists of Joyce Smith, Jayne Kieswetter, Carol Coleman and Kate Kouba.

11. The next BOD meeting will be on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 9:30am.

B. Recording Secretary, Amy Schwed asked for approval of the January 4, 2023 BOD minutes. John Siena asked that in part 3, "next year" be added. Additionally, Linda DeSanti will not write up a list of requirements for the job; John will do that. The minutes were approved as corrected.

C. Treasurer, Danese Sloan-Kendall will send out an updated report shortly. Danese also stated that we will need a treasury committee to select a new treasurer, as her term ends in May. Marianne Forrest volunteered to help as an active assistant treasurer for a year in order to learn everything the job entails before taking over. Danese is willing to stay another year to help Marianne. The question was raised about whether we need to have an official bylaw change or can we just vote to let this happen this one time. The discussion was tabled until the next BOD meeting on March 1, 2023.

Kathy Hood, the Parliamentarian, needs to review rules for bylaws. Danese also mentioned that there had been a rental increase in our storage unit from \$38.95 to \$47.95 per month.

D. Carol Ralph spoke on the About & Around on Thursday, February 16, 2023 to Manatee Lagoon. It has a limit of 25 people for the docent tour and she has asked everyone attending to donate \$5 for a tip to the docent. Car pools will meet at 9am at the WCC and leave at 9:15am. The March Around & About will be a one hour Equestrian Tour featuring hunters and jumpers, with lunch included, on Thursday March 16, 2023 starting at 10:30. Car pools will depart at 9:50am.

E. The speaker at the February 6, 2023 members' meeting will be Jana Milbocker, a landscape designer. She is the author of The Garden Tourists Florida.

### III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Larry Grosser spoke about Earth Day. In the past, he has handed out packets of seeds that will attract butterflies. He mentioned that he has plants that attract butterflies that he is donating for the plant sale. He is willing to work the full 6 hours and help in any way he can, including answering any questions from visitors. Additionally, he stated that Uma Bhatti has passed out many brochures and Diane Rice has had posters about beach clean ups in the past.

### IV. Special Committee Reports

A. Caroline Kessman spoke about Earth Day Every Day which will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Wellington Community Center. She noted that Twig Morris has been a big help to her. Many volunteers are needed in several areas. There will be sign up sheets at the Members' Membership meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023 for those willing to help. There will be forms for Horticulture entries posted on the website and Stormi Bivin has a usable generic form for this. There are 3 pages available for ads in the Earth Day Every Day booklet. Each of those can either be a full page ad or two ½ page ads.

B. Carol Ralph updated information about the plant sale at the Earth Day Every Day event. She noted that this is a good money maker for the WGC. Carol also said that there would be 3 types of crafts for children

available. Needless to say, many volunteers are needed to help in a variety of areas.

C. The shredding event is set for Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 10am to noon at Village Hall and has gotten 9 volunteers to help.

D. Carol Ralph said the Holiday Gift Festival of 2023 will possibly take place on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 11am to 3pm.

#### V. New Business

A. Carol Lazzarino reminded us that she is presenting a spiritual and fun class in making a Zen Garden on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at the WCC at 9:30am. The cost for materials is \$15.00.

B. Kathy Siena spoke about asking the VOW to rezone the public landscape on Birkdale Road. Carol Ralph made the motion to go forward with the resolution to petition the VOW to rezone the community use land to an environmental preserve on Birkdale Road. Lisa Ferrano seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously. This will be presented to the general membership at the February 6, 2023 meeting.

C. Dee Rolfe donated a new box design she has made and Kathy Siena won it.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Schwed, Recording Secretary

**Motion Form**

Who is making this motion?

CAROL RALPH (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

LISA FERRARO (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

I MAKE A MOTION TO  
GO FORWARDED WITH  
THE RESOLUTION TO PETITION  
THE VOW TO REZONE THE  
COMMUNITY USE LAND TO AN  
ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE ON  
BIRKDALE RD.

**Motion Form**

Who is making this motion?

Linda DeSanti (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

LISA FERRARO (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

Add <sup>Mr.</sup> Oceanographic Society  
And earmark for seagrass restoration  
to our Rotation of collectors  
at every meeting

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	Jun 1, '2...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4000 · INCOME</b>				
<b>4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing</b>				
4101 · Boutique Items	75.00	100.00	-25.00	75.0%
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	380.00	500.00	-120.00	76.0%
4110 · Misc	94.88	100.00	-5.12	94.9%
<b>4112 · Wellington Day Event</b>				
4113 · Raffle	152.50	0.00	152.50	100.0%
4114 · Plants	888.00	0.00	888.00	100.0%
4112 · Wellington Day Event - Other	578.67	0.00	578.67	100.0%
<b>Total 4112 · Wellington Day Event</b>	<b>1,619.17</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,619.17</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing</b>	<b>2,169.05</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>1,469.05</b>	<b>309.9%</b>
<b>4200 · Membership Dues</b>				
<b>Total 4200 · Membership Dues</b>	<b>1,395.00</b>	<b>4,950.00</b>	<b>-3,555.00</b>	<b>28.2%</b>
<b>4300 · Program Services Revenue</b>				
<b>4301 · Awards &amp; Grants</b>				
4301.1 · Awards	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4301.2 · Grants	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4301 · Awards &amp; Grants</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>-300.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>4302 · Donations &amp; Memorials</b>				
4310 · Designated Donations Youth	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.0%
4302 · Donations & Memorials - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4302 · Donations &amp; Memorials</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>1,000.0%</b>
<b>4305 · Newsletter Advertising</b>				
4305 · Newsletter Advertising	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
<b>4308b · Garden Art</b>				
4308b · Garden Art	134.00	0.00	134.00	100.0%
<b>4309 · Penny Pines</b>				
4309 · Penny Pines	231.15	0.00	231.15	100.0%
<b>4313 · Coral Reef</b>				
4313 · Coral Reef	229.37	0.00	229.37	100.0%
<b>Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue</b>	<b>1,594.52</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>1,094.52</b>	<b>318.9%</b>
<b>4400 · Special Events</b>				
<b>4401 · Around &amp; Abouts</b>				
4401 · Around & Abouts	783.00	0.00	783.00	100.0%
<b>4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income</b>				
4402.1 · Member meals Holiday Luncheon	4,430.00	3,500.00	930.00	126.6%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	1,454.73	250.00	1,204.73	581.9%
<b>Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income</b>	<b>5,884.73</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>	<b>2,134.73</b>	<b>156.9%</b>
<b>4403 · Spring Luncheon Income</b>				
4403.1 · Member meals Spring Luncheon	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
4403.2 · Other Income Spring Luncheon	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4403 · Spring Luncheon Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>	<b>-3,750.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total 4400 · Special Events</b>	<b>6,667.73</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>-832.27</b>	<b>88.9%</b>
<b>4409 · Fundraising</b>				
4409 b · Fundrasing other	4,525.00	0.00	4,525.00	100.0%
<b>Total 4409 · Fundraising</b>	<b>4,525.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,525.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>4700 · District X Meeting</b>				
<b>4701 · Meals</b>				
4701 · Meals	4,705.00	5,000.00	-295.00	94.1%
<b>4702 · Speaker</b>				
4702 · Speaker	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
<b>4703 · Raffle</b>				
4703 · Raffle	1,106.00	1,100.00	6.00	100.5%
<b>4704 · Garden Art</b>				
4704 · Garden Art	505.27	400.00	105.27	126.3%
<b>4706 · Vendors</b>				
4706 · Vendors	149.00	200.00	-51.00	74.5%
<b>4708 · Sunset Social</b>				
4708 · Sunset Social	245.00	0.00	245.00	100.0%
<b>Total 4700 · District X Meeting</b>	<b>6,810.27</b>	<b>6,700.00</b>	<b>110.27</b>	<b>101.6%</b>
<b>Total 4000 · INCOME</b>	<b>23,161.57</b>	<b>20,350.00</b>	<b>2,811.57</b>	<b>113.8%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,161.57</b>	<b>20,350.00</b>	<b>2,811.57</b>	<b>113.8%</b>

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**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 June 1, 2022 through January 26, 2023

	Jun 1, '2...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
<b>Gross Profit</b>	23,161.57	20,350.00	2,811.57	113.8%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>6500 · EXPENSE</b>				
6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses				
6502 · Boutique & Logo Items	350.00	0.00	350.00	100.0%
6507 · Plants Meetings	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
<b>Total 6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses</b>	350.00	50.00	300.00	700.0%
6599 · Fundraising expenses				
6599 b · Fundraising Other	3,925.00	0.00	3,925.00	100.0%
<b>Total 6599 · Fundraising expenses</b>	3,925.00	0.00	3,925.00	100.0%
6700 · Management & General				
6701 · Chamber Dues (Wellington)	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6702 · Correspondence	70.92	50.00	20.92	141.8%
6703 · Discretionary	40.00	250.00	-210.00	16.0%
6704 · Historian	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
6705 · Insurance	577.50	700.00	-122.50	82.5%
6706 · Membership				
6706b · New member reception	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6706 · Membership - Other	61.21	100.00	-38.79	61.2%
<b>Total 6706 · Membership</b>	61.21	250.00	-188.79	24.5%
6707 · Newsletter	105.98	300.00	-194.02	35.3%
6708 · Postage	35.60	0.00	35.60	100.0%
6709 · President's Expense	140.79	800.00	-659.21	17.6%
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	411.92	400.00	11.92	103.0%
6712 · Website	277.97	350.00	-72.03	79.4%
6713 · Yearbook	769.86	800.00	-30.14	96.2%
6714 · Bank fees	78.00	0.00	78.00	100.0%
6717 · Miscellaneous				
6717 b · Storage	311.60	479.50	-167.90	65.0%
<b>Total 6717 · Miscellaneous</b>	311.60	479.50	-167.90	65.0%
<b>Total 6700 · Management &amp; General</b>	3,006.35	4,529.50	-1,523.15	66.4%
6800 · Program Services				
6802 · Award & Grants	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6803 · Member Education	395.00	2,000.00	-1,605.00	19.8%
6804 · FFGC & District Dues				
6804.1 · Dues FFGC	350.00	1,320.00	-970.00	26.5%
6804.2 · Dues District X	14.50	55.00	-40.50	26.4%
<b>Total 6804 · FFGC &amp; District Dues</b>	364.50	1,375.00	-1,010.50	26.5%
6805 · FFGC Convention Ad	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6806 · Honorary Awards	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
6807 · Floral Design	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6807b · Garden Art	123.66	100.00	23.66	123.7%
6808 · Habitat	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
6809 · Youth Activities	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00	0.0%
6810 · Meeting Programs/Speakers	400.00	1,000.00	-600.00	40.0%
6812 · Memorials and Donations	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6813 · Mounts Membership	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.0%
6814 · College Scholarships	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
6815 · SEEK Capital Fund	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
6816 · SEEK Scholarship	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
6817 · Sunshine Fund	100.00	150.00	-50.00	66.7%
6818 · Wekiva Camperships	1,200.00	1,470.00	-270.00	81.6%
6819 · Wekiva Capital Fund	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
6820 · Wekiva LIT Program	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6826 · Penny Pines	272.00	0.00	272.00	100.0%

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6827 · Earth Day	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6829 · National Garden Week	111.86	200.00	-88.14	55.9%
6830 · NGC Disaster Fund	100.00	50.00	50.00	200.0%
6831 · Environmental Education	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
6837 · Community Garden	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0.0%
6800 · Program Services - Other	-750.00	0.00	-750.00	100.0%
<b>Total 6800 · Program Services</b>	<b>2,317.02</b>	<b>17,670.00</b>	<b>-15,352.98</b>	<b>13.1%</b>
<b>6900 · Special Events Direct Expense</b>				
6901 · Around & Abouts	1,300.30	100.00	1,200.30	1,300.3%
6904 · Holiday Luncheon				
6911 · Holiday luncheon Other expense	1,127.84	300.00	827.84	375.9%
6913 · Member Meals	3,840.00	3,500.00	340.00	109.7%
<b>Total 6904 · Holiday Luncheon</b>	<b>4,967.84</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>	<b>1,167.84</b>	<b>130.7%</b>
6905 · Hospitality	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6908 · Spring Luncheon				
6909 · Spring luncheon Other expense	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6912 · Guest meals	0.00	175.00	-175.00	0.0%
6914 · Member Meals	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
<b>Total 6908 · Spring Luncheon</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,975.00</b>	<b>-3,975.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total 6900 · Special Events Direct Expense</b>	<b>6,268.14</b>	<b>8,175.00</b>	<b>-1,906.86</b>	<b>76.7%</b>
6910 · Flowershow	31.02	0.00	31.02	100.0%
8000 · District X Meeting				
8001 · Meals	4,851.88	5,000.00	-148.12	97.0%
8102 · Speaker	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%
8104 · Program Printing	176.00	150.00	26.00	117.3%
8105 · Centerpieces	444.21	330.00	114.21	134.6%
8106 · Misc	625.95	240.00	385.95	260.8%
8107 · Name badges	31.80	20.00	11.80	159.0%
8108 · Raffle	57.79	0.00	57.79	100.0%
<b>Total 8000 · District X Meeting</b>	<b>6,487.63</b>	<b>6,040.00</b>	<b>447.63</b>	<b>107.4%</b>
<b>Total 6500 · EXPENSE</b>	<b>22,385.16</b>	<b>36,464.50</b>	<b>-14,079.34</b>	<b>61.4%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>22,385.16</b>	<b>36,464.50</b>	<b>-14,079.34</b>	<b>61.4%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>776.41</b>	<b>-16,114.50</b>	<b>16,890.91</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>



**Report on the status of the Plant Sale  
BOD Meeting February 1, 2023**

I met with Gigi Bard and Selma Wang to discuss ideas of what crafts we will offer to the children. One will be a bird feeder using pipe cleaners and cheerios; another will be a rigid sheet of foam (various colors) where the children can glue beans to make a design; the third will be a clear plastic cup on which they can draw a design with markers and plant a seed. Gigi and Selma will chair this committee and will be asking for club members to volunteer to man the table for a 2 or 3 hour shift.

Huguette Damas will be working with me when I work with the participating gardens to choose plants, etc.

Other committees where I will ask for members to volunteer chairing are:

- 1) Obtaining and setting up tables the day of. At this time, I am not sure whether we need to set up on Friday, or if everything can be done Saturday Morning because of the later start time.
- 2) I will need assistance the day of to organize the placement of the plants.
- 3) I will manage collection of all sales, but I will need an assistant.
- 4) I will arrange to pull all the supplies that we need from the storage area.
- 5) We will need a volunteer to manage collection and placement of the member grown plants.

**Holiday Gift Boutique**

I have been in touch with Susan Mosely of the Wellington Art Society and they would like to do this again this year. We are changing the day to Saturday. I like Saturday, November 18, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. I need to reach out to Susan again to confirm what her group wants.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ralph  
Plant Sale Chair

2023 Flower Show Budget  
 "Earth Day...Every Day - April 22, 2023

**BUDGET**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>
Advertising/Sponsorships	\$ 2,375.00	
District X Judges Council	\$ 25.00	
Judges Gifts/postage & Misc.		\$ 175.00
Judges Luncheon		\$ 375.00
Printing - Schedule		\$ 650.00
Printing- Flyers & Misc.		\$ 150.00
Publicity		\$ 70.00
Ribbons		\$ 300.00
Entry Cards		\$ 30.00
Signage/posters for show		\$ 150.00
Staging Supplies		\$ 500.00

<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,400.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,400.00</u></b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

**Accounting Codes for Income and Expense**

Income	4408
Expense	6910

To be reported to Danese Sloan-Kendall on WGC Income and Expense forms found on WGC website

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Resolution to Petition Report-Kathy Siena

As many of you know, we enjoyed a wonderful visit to two of our beautiful preserves in Wellington last January 19 with our guide, Will Gurney. The second preserve is the Birkdale location between the library and rotary park. It inhabits some of our old Florida growth and it one of the last natural wetlands in our village. However, it is my understanding that the area is currently zoned as community use. We would like to make a resolution to petition the Village of Wellington to change the zoning to an environmental preserve forever. The following is a suggested draft of the resolution:

“Wellington Garden Club, by acclamation of its members, resolves to submit this petition to the Village of Wellington to change the zoning of the preserve on Birkdale Road located between the Wellington Library and Rotary Park, it being the last natural wetland of any size in the Village of Wellington, from community use to an environmental preserve in perpetuity.”

I would be happy to hear any comments or questions regarding this petition.

Kathy Siena

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“Wellington Garden Club, by acclamation of its members, resolves to submit this petition to the Village of Wellington to change the zoning of the natural wetlands on Birkdale Road located between the Wellington Library and Rotary Park, it being the last natural wetland of any size in the Village of Wellington, from community use to an environmental preserve in perpetuity.”

Thank you. I would be happy to hear any comments or questions regarding this petition.