

Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors meeting
March 1, 2023
Wellington Community Center

Present: JoAnn Akins, Alison Albury, Mary Barbara Alexander, Evvy Bartley, Stormi Bivin, Huguette Damas, Lisa Ferrano, Kathy Hood, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Tina Richter, Dee Rolfe, Amy Schwed, Jan Seagrave, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Cass Stryker, Maria Wolfe, Bobbi Ziegler

Absent: Kay Brown, Carol Coleman, Linda DeSanti, Maxine Fisher, Larry Grosser, Kathy Hernicz, Joan Kaplan, Carol Lazzarino, Diane Rice, 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. Maria Wolfe presented Tina Richter with the Lifesaver Award for the wonderful work she does on the WGC newsletter each month.
2. The attendance at the February 6, 2023 membership meeting was 85 members and 9 guests.
3. Maria told the BOD that Joyce Smith, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the proposals for next year's slate of officers, as follows: Carol Ralph, President, Petra Russell, 1st Vice President, Kristi Floyd, 2nd Vice President, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Treasurer, Marianne Forrest, Assistant Treasurer, Amy Schwed, Recording Secretary, and Jan Seagrave, Corresponding Secretary. An amendment is needed to be made in the Articles of Association to change the number of consecutive terms that the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer could serve from 2 terms to 3 terms. Carol Ralph made the motion to make that change happen and Twig Morris seconded the motion. A discussion ensued, then the vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously. Another discussion followed that many members had been contacted to be Recording Secretary next year and

everyone had declined. Carol Ralph will get a list of who had been contacted and have Amy Schwed send that list to the BOD. The directors were asked to contact other WGC members to see if they could find someone to fill that position for the new term.

4. We were presented with a wish list of items for Camp Wekiva. One main need was for large rolling garden supply carts that are used to transport luggage to the rooms. We budget \$200 annually to give to Camp Wekiva. Each cart costs \$500 plus shipping. John Siena, Cass Stryker, Bobbi Ziegler and Stormi Bivin each volunteered to donate \$100. Stormi Bivin made a motion to use \$500 from the money fund-raised from the sale of The Kings Academy tickets to purchase a 2nd cart. Lisa Ferrano seconded the motion. After discussion, this motion was passed unanimously. The WGC will be donating \$1100, which includes the \$400 pledged by 4 members, to purchase 2 large carts at \$500 each, including the shipping charges.

5. The garden club of Stuart is holding “A Symphony of Beauty” NFG Standard Flower Show on Friday, March 3, 2023 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. It’s free and our support would be welcomed.

6. The FFGC Convention, “Worlds of Wonder Recycled” will be held from Tuesday, April 18, 2023 through Thursday, April 20, 2023. If you plan to attend, register at FFGC.org. Stacy Matrazzo from the Florida Wildflower Foundation ED is the keynote speaker.

7. Tom Wenham’s Commemorative Tree is being planted on Tuesday, March 2, 2023 at 3:00pm at the Rotary Peace Park.

8. The next Sip ‘n Stroll will be on Friday, March 10, 2023 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the home of GiGi Bard. Please bring whatever you’d like to sip and food to share.

9. Please note - the next BOD meeting will be Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at **8:30am**. The reason it will start one hour early is that it will be followed by the New Member Reception.

B. Recording Secretary, Amy Schwed, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 1, 2023 BOD meeting. There being none, the minutes were accepted as read.

C. Treasurer, Danese Sloan-Kendall stated that she is working on the budget for next year and that all chairpeople have until March 15, 2023 to notify her of any budget changes.

D. 1st Vice President, Carol Ralph, spoke about upcoming Around & About visits. The first one coming up is Thursday, March 16, 2023 and is the Equestrian Lunch Tour. Carol just found out that we need 30 people for that tour and we do not have that number currently signed up. She hopes that additional members will sign up for it at the Membership Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023. The second Around & About is on Thursday, April 18, 2023. It will be at PBSC, Loxahatchee Groves Campus. It will be a tour of native orchids, led by Dr. Vetaley Stashenko. There is no fee for this tour. No lunch plans have been made yet.

E. 2nd Vice President, Mary Barbara Alexander spoke about the upcoming program at our Membership Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023. Danna E. Bramlett, CFRE Director of Development Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation, will have both a slide presentation and a 12 minute movie. On Monday, April 3, 2023, Rich Ackerman will talk about Florida Native Orchids at that Membership Meeting. We are hoping he will bring many of his orchids for sale.

III. Special Committee Reports

A. Twig Morris passed out booklets for Earth Day Every Day, being held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Wellington Community Center.

B. Stormi Bivin and Petra Russell will be holding a Grooming Workshop on Friday, March 10, 2023 from 10:30am to noon. It will be at the 360 Room in the Wellington Mall. They will be sharing useful tips.

C. Carol Ralph and Huguette Damas are preparing for the Plant Sale being held on Saturday, April 22, 2023. They would like to have one table dedicated to the sale of member grown plants. They are trying to find more vendors for consignment sales of plants. There are some difficulties with a few of the vendors who are involved in prior plant sales knowing how many plants they will still have left for our Plant Sale day.

D. The New Member Reception will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in the Lakeview room at the WCC. It will start around 11:30am, following the BOD meeting that will be starting at **8:30am**. The BOD will set up for the reception following their earlier meeting. A sign up sheet was passed around, asking members to volunteer to bring food for this reception.

E. Stormi Bivin spoke about the Unsolicited Landscape Design Award. WGC members should be looking for public or private lovely landscapes (as viewed from the street). The landscape must be at least 1 year old. Send

photos and a form that Stormi has already sent out for this award to her by March 31, 2023. The winners will be announced on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the FFGC District X meeting in Boynton Beach, FL

IV. New Business

A. Jan Seagrave reported on the Quilt square as a work in progress, as she has found the directions to be unclear and is pursuing some additional guidance.

B. The Village Walk community is having a 20th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Dee Rolfe donated an item to be raffled off. The WGC has been asked to man a table at their celebration. It was suggested that we try to recruit new WGC members who live in that community to volunteer their help.

C. John and Kathy Siena are working on having the VOW create a Native Botanical Flora Garden/Educational Center. The VOW recently bought 50 acres of land near the Environmental Preserve so it's likely this will be happening. It will probably be a 5 year project. John would like the WGC to support this endeavor. Jan Seagrave made a motion to support the idea of the Native Botanical Flora Garden that was presented to the VOW and Mary Barbara Alexander seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

D. The Environmental School Series, Course 1, will be given via Zoom on April 11, 2023 and April 12, 2023.

E. The Boynton Beach Garden Club is presenting "Art in Bloom" on Friday, March 10, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43am.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Schwed, Recording Secretary