

Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting
March 29, 2023 8:30am
Wellington Community Center

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

Absent: Evvy Bartley, Stormi Bivin, Kay Brown, Carol Coleman, Linda DeSanti, Maxine Fisher, Joan Kaplan, Kate Kouba, Carol Lazzarino, Twig Morris, Diane Rice, Kathy Siena, 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 told us that attendance at the March 6, 2023 membership meeting was 83 members and 14 guests.
2. Donna Fernandez's husband passed away. Kay Brown had a stroke and is at Palms West Hospital.
3. The Boynton Beach Garden Club Chapter will host the Spring District X meeting on April 28, 2023, called Bee the Solution. There will be voting on the District Bylaws at that time.
4. The FFGC Convention called the Worlds of Wonder Recycled will be held from Tuesday, April 18, 2023 to Thursday, April 20, 2023. Register at FFGC.org if you plan to attend. Since the District color is orange, plan on bringing an orange outfit with you.
5. The April 2023 Sip 'n Stroll has been cancelled.

6. District X received a \$25 grant for the MSD Butterfly Garden. This will be used in a raised bed native plant garden there. On Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 8:30am, a clean-up day at the Butterfly Garden will take place.

7. The 20th Anniversary celebration at Village Walk was well attended. New member Janet Jones, a Village Walk resident, represented the WGC and Dee Rolfe donated 2 items that were raffled off.

8. Maria showed everyone the lovely new WGC tablecloth that displays our website and our garden club logo.

9. Gigi Bard's neighbor, the owner of Tracy's Bistro, donated two \$100 gift cards to his restaurant to the WGC. One was raffled off at Gigi's Sip 'n Stroll in March. The second is available for gifting, possibly at the Spring luncheon.

10. The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 9:30am.

B. The minutes of the March 1, 2023 were presented for approval by Amy Schwed, Recording Secretary. Kathy Siena sent a note stating that her report on the Birkdale Reserve had not been included. There were no other additions or corrections, so the minutes were approved as amended.

C. Treasurer Danese Sloan-Kendall provided an explanation of the P&L statement (see attached), telling us that the Once in a Lifetime Tour a few years ago had given the WGC lots of money that has carried over each year. There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Friday, April 7, 2023 at 10am at the Wellington Library.

D. Carol Ralph, 1st Vice President, spoke about the next Around & About on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at the PBSC Loxahatchee Grove campus. It will be a guided tour of native orchids, led by Dr. Vetaley Stashenko, followed by lunch at Il Pomodoro in WestLake/Loxahatchee. Be sure to wear long pants and sturdy shoes for the tour.

E. Mary Barbara Alexander reminded everyone that Rich Ackerman will be speaking at the Membership meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023 about native orchids.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. The Installation/Scholarship luncheon will take place on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 11:00am at the Wellington National Golf Club.

B. Larry Grosser spoke about Earth Day Every Day coming on Saturday, April 22, 2023. He discussed projects and environmental layouts, plus mentioned that Diane Rice will have a poster there about beach clean-ups. Uma Bhatti will have brochure handouts and Larry Grosser will have butterfly plant seed packets available. Additionally, there will be butterfly plants for sale that day.

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. The registration deadline for Earth Day Every Day has been extended to Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Stormi Bivin and Petra Russell will be having a grooming workshop on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the Wellington Mall from 12:30pm to 2:30pm in the old 360 room.

B. Carol Ralph said that the plants that will be on sale at the Earth Day Every Day event will be delivered to us on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Plus, there is a new vendor who has roses for sale. Cass Stryker shared information on a woman selling plants from her van as another possible vendor.

C. The New Member Reception will take place on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 beginning at 11:30am. We have 19 new members attending.

V. New Business

A. Jan Seagrave is working on the quilt that needs to be completed by October 2023. She asked if any member has an old WGC tee shirt to contribute that she could use to add its logo to the quilt.

B. The South Florida Fair asked if the WGC wanted a space at the fair in January 2024, for 17 days. Both Petra Russell and Larry Grosser have worked there in the past. It was noted that there would be lots of work, with very little return - however, if you are volunteering at the fair, there is no parking fee. Discussion on this topic will be continued at a later date.

C. The Wellington Historical Society is interested in having an event with the WGC. Carol Ralph spoke to Laurie Cohen from the Historical Society about a possible historical/garden combination. It would be a fund raiser for both organizations. We need to find out what the Historical Society has to offer before a decision can be made.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40am.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Schwed, Recording Secretary