

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Minutes from Members' Meeting
Dated April 3, 2023

- I. All were welcomed by Maria – 9:30 am
 - a. A quorum was established.
 - b. Cell phones were silenced.
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Mary Barbara Alexander introduced our speaker, Rich Ackerman of the Broward County Native Orchid Project. His presentation was via Zoom as he had Covid.
- III. **Committee Chair Reports**
 - A. A vote was taken for the Approval of the Change in the Articles of Association 8.2 regarding the length of service of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer which was approved. See attached documentation.
 - B. A vote for election of the slate of officers for the 2023-2025 Wellington Garden Club was taken and approved. See attached document for the slate of officers. Danese Sloan-Kendall was nominated by Caroline Kessman for Treasurer. Cynthia Gardner was nominated by Dee Rolfe for Recording Secretary. The official installation will be held at the Spring Luncheon on May 1, 2023. A former district director, Emilie Palmari will conduct the installation.
- IV. **Executive Committee Reports**
 - A. President – Maria Wolfe
 - 1. The basket for donations to Coral Reef Restoration was passed around.
 - 2. Our April Sip n' Stroll is cancelled.
 - 3. Maria announced that the May Day Spring Luncheon is Monday, May 1 at 11:00 am at Wellington National Golf Club. The cost is \$50.00. We will be announcing scholarship recipients at the Luncheon. The Fairy Hair fairy will be present. The last day to sign up is April 14th.
 - 4. Maria announced the Spring District X Meeting will be Thursday, April 27 at Westchester Country Club – “Bee the Solution “ – Register at www.DistrictX.org. Meeting is in Boynton Beach. Maria also reminded members that this is an educational event and we are entitled to 50% reimbursement from WGC.
 - 5. Maria announced that the FFGC Convention is April 19-20, 2023, at the Embassy Suites in Kissimmee, FL.
 - 6. Maria advised that Kay Brown is recovering from a stroke.
 - B. Recording Secretary – Amy Schwed – Minutes of our previous meeting on March 6, 2023 were approved as emailed.
 - C. Treasurer's Report – Danese Sloan-Kendall gave the Treasurer's report and submitted the P&L. She advised we are working on the budget for next year which will be mailed out in a couple of weeks and will be voted on at the May 1 meeting.
- V. **Committee Chair Reports**
 - D. Membership – Alison Albury announced that we have 8 guests this morning and three new members. See attached report.
 - E. Horticultural Moment – Stormi Bivin and Petra Russell explained how to fill out the entry tags for the “Earth Day...Every Day” Flower Show. The deadline was extended to April 5.
 - F. Stormi Bivin and Petra Russell will hold a Grooming Workshop for “Earth Day...Every Day”, an NGC Horticulture Flower Show on Tuesday, April 4 at 12:30 pm at The District at the Mall at Wellington Green.
 - G. Ronnie Levay announced that 2 additional clerks are needed to help the judges on Saturday, April 22, from 9:30 – 11:30.

- H. Carol Ralph advised of the next Around & About on Thursday, April 13 at Palm Beach State College. Dr. Vetaley Stashenko will be our tour guide and will be joined by Rich Ackerman who was our speaker today. We will see the native orchids which have been placed in the wooded area behind the PBSC. Lunch will follow at Il Pomodoro on Seminole Pratt Whitney highway.
Carol also read a thank you note received from Maria Wolfe for the flowers which the club sent to her after her knee surgery.
- I. Maria announced that there will be a clean-up workday at the Butterfly Garden at Wellington Environmental Preserve at the MSD Everglades Habitat on Friday, April 28, at 8:30 am.
- J. Maria announced that there will be an Adopt-A-Street on Tuesday, April 4 at 9:00 am at Greenbriar Park.
- K. National Garden Week is June 4 – 10. We will meet at Linda DeSanti's on Monday, June 5, to prepare and deliver floral arrangements around the Western Communities. There is a sign up sheet for those who wish to volunteer.
- VI. Fundraisers**
 - L. Carol Ralph reported on the status of the Plant Sale which is Saturday, April 22, which is in conjunction with the VOW Earth Day celebration. See attached report. Members were reminded that we are counting on their member-grown plants.
- VII. New Business**
 - M. Kathy Siena reported on the status of the Birkdale Boardwalk Wetlands Area Wellington Preserve. See attached report.
- VIII. Name Tag Raffle –** Gifts were supplied by Stormi Bivin and Dee Rolfe. Recipients are Sylvia Kelemen, Bonnie Olie, Selma Wang and Paige Griffin.
- IX. Meeting was adjourned at 11:55.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ralph
1st Vice President

April 3, 2023

The Nominating Committee presents this proposed slate of Officers for 2023-2025:

President: Carol Ralph.

1st VP: Petra Russell.

2nd VP: Kristi (Floyd) Westrup.

Treasurer: *

Assistant Treasurer: Marianne Forrest.

Recording Secretary **

Corresponding Secretary: Jan Seagrave.

*Danese Sloan-Kendall agreed to continue as Treasurer pending an approval of a change in the Articles. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Caroline Kessman will nominate Danese Sloan-Kendall.

**Nominations will be accepted from the floor for Recording Secretary. Dee Rolfe will nominate Cynthia Gardner.

Nominating Committee:

Joyce Smith, Chair

Carol Coleman

Jayne Kiesewetter

Kate Kouba

Fwd: Article Section 8.2 - Election and Term of Office

1 message

Mary Barbara Alexander <mbas@verizon.net>

Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 1:35 PM

Reply-To: Mary Barbara Alexander <mbas@verizon.net>

To: "caroltaylorralph@gmail.com" <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Cc: "tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com" <tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com>

Hi Carol,

What I read is the same as we sent out for the board's approval. See highlighted passage below.

Cheers,
Mary Barbara

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Barbara Alexander <mbas.verizon.net@send.mailchimpapp.com>

To: Mary Barbara Alexander <mbas@verizon.net>

Sent: Thu, Mar 2, 2023 9:29 am

Subject: Article Section 8.2 - Election and Term of Office

**Wellington Garden Club****Dear Board of Directors of the Wellington Garden Club,****Because the club has not found anyone to step forward as Treasurer and our current Treasurer Danese Sloan-Kendall has graciously agreed to continue in the position in order to mentor a successor through the Assistant Treasurer position, we find it necessary to**

amend the Articles of Association which, according to Article 13: Amendments (page 47 in the yearbook) must be approved by the Board of Directors and then “submitted in writing to all members at least two weeks in advance” of a vote and must then be approved by two-thirds of the members present.

As Chair of the Articles of Association Committee, I am writing to inform you that we have met, discussed this matter and, consequently, this committee suggests the following change to the Articles of Association, page 41 in the yearbook (change in red):

Section 8.2 Election and Term of Office

Officers shall be elected in the odd year by the membership at the regularly scheduled April meeting. To hold office, one must have been an active member for at least one year. Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, with the exception of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, whose terms shall be limited to **three (3)** consecutive terms. No other officer may be elected for more than one (1) consecutive term in the same office. At the expiration of their terms of office, the Officers shall turn over to their successors all records of their Offices.

Please cast your vote to approve this change via email to: Amy.Schwed@gmail.com A "Yes" vote is in approval of this change. A "No" vote is against the proposed change. You **MUST** vote via email by Friday, March 10, 2023, so that President Maria Wolfe has time

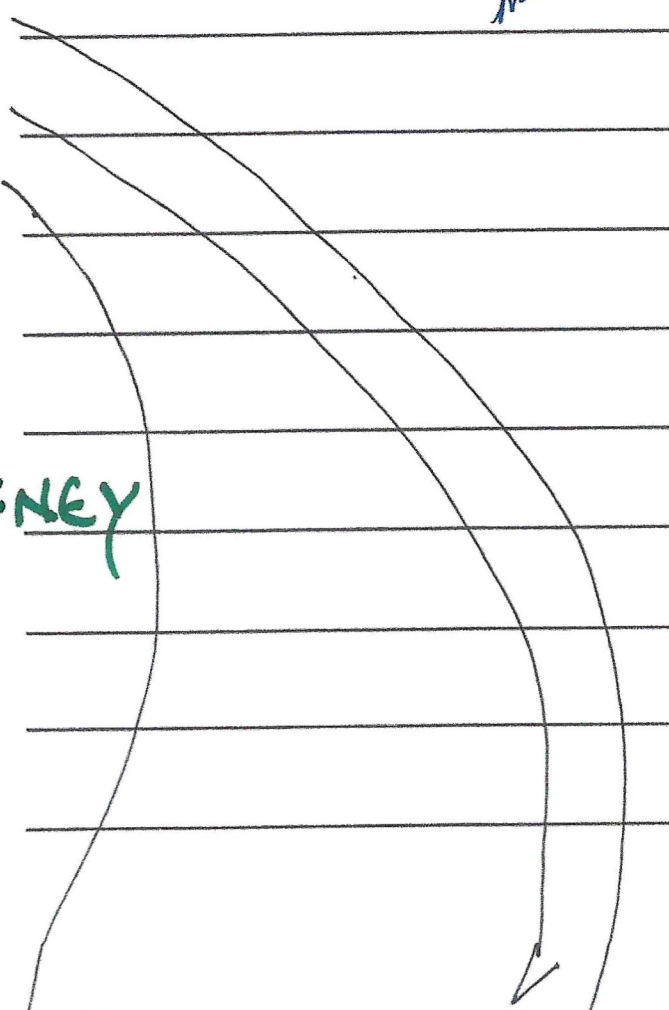
REPORT FOR MEMBERSHIP ON

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Bring plants ~~Sat~~ Fri
morning Apr. 22 @ 9am

GUESTS:

- LYNDA GUSAEFF
- SUSAN STEVENSON
- JENIVE MCKAIN
- ANNETTE LUBSEN
- KATHY BACHINSKY
- SUSAN GELLIS-TRAKNEY
- SALLY KNUCKLES
- BEN FEISTMANN



- Susan Stevenson
- Linda Gusaeff
- Jenive McKain

NEW MEMBERS:

- EDIE KEATING
- DIANE PEADON
- Sera Peat.

Remind members if they bring a new member, THEY WILL BECOME A MENTOR TO THAT NEW MEMBER. Also, please e/mail Alison if you are bringing a guest so the membership table can prepare ID tags for them.

Other notes:

Plant Sale Report

WGC Membership Meeting 4/3/2023

Huguette and I met with Michelle Garvey from the VOW to go over the grounds that we will use for the Plant Sale and the hours of the sale.

1. The sale will run from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. We will arrive at the Community Center at 8:00 am Saturday to set up. The VOW has offered their tables and tents to us which makes it so much easier on us for set up. I will give Michelle the layout of the tables and tents.
2. We will have two vendors – Tom Ramiccio Bromeliads and Cool Roses. We will purchase plants from Green Seasons Nursery and work on consignment with A-One Stop Garden Shoppe and Quintessence. And, of course, we will have our member grown plants. Please plan to deliver your plants to the CC by 9:00 at the latest.
3. ~~There are examples of the children's crafts on the table by the sign up sheet.~~ Please feel free to look at them. We need more volunteers to help with that table.
4. There are also flyers on the table. Please take a handful and pass them out and tell all of your friends and neighbors about our Flower Show and Plant Sale.
5. I will have two coolers for water. Please plan to bring your lunch and also your own chair.
6. We will have a short meeting shortly after the membership meeting today to answer any questions you may have and organize further as necessary.

Wellington Garden Club

General Members Meeting April 3, 2023

Birkdale Boardwalk Wetlands Area-Kathy Siena

A couple of months ago, I asked for Wellington Garden Club's support in keeping our last remaining wetlands in perpetuity. Both the Board of Directors and the General Membership gave complete support to make a petition to resolution to keep these wetlands from further development, if needed. I would like to give you an update on the Birkdale Boardwalk Renovation and Restoration Wetlands area located near Rotary Peace Park. After communication and discussions with Wellington Council member, Tanya Siskind, I was advised that the Village of Wellington has decided to keep these wetlands as natural wetlands in perpetuity. I have received further legal documentation which I am reviewing regarding the safekeeping of these wetlands. Currently, a petition to resolution on our behalf is **not** required. I will continue to follow up this action to make sure it is done as promised to keep it as a natural wetland.

Thank you for your support in keeping our Village beautiful and sustainable for years to come, especially for the future of our children and grandchildren--Always striving to be great earth stewards.