

**Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Wellington Community Center

Attendance: Alison Albury, Stormi Bivin, Carol Coleman, Lisa Ferrano, Marianne Forrest, Cynthia Gardner, Caren Griffin, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Dee Rolfe, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Kristi Westrup, Kathy Hood

I. Call to Order

- A. Established a quorum – (Kathy Hood stood in as Parliamentarian)
- B. Silenced all cell phones

II. Officer Reports

- A. **Recording Secretary** - Cynthia Gardner: Minutes of February 28 and March 27, 2024 BOD meeting submitted for review. Minutes are approved as corrected.
- B. **President's Report:**
 - a. There were 94 attendees at the April 1, 2024 Membership meeting, with 7 guests.
 - b. Sunset Social at Annette Lubsen's this Friday, April 26, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.
- C. **Treasurer** – Danese Sloan-Kendall – See Treasurer's Report and P&L on file with the Recording Secretary.
- D. **1st Vice President** – no report
- E. **2nd Vice President** – Kristi Westrup - Two speakers confirmed for next year already and working on several other possible speakers including Audubon Florida and South Florida Water Management who have an interesting Everglades living laboratory and a friend who has a farm with 1500 trees as a possible Around & About.
- F. **Corresponding Secretary** – Carol Ralph advised board members of John Siena's illness. In a previous monthly report, Jan Seagrave advised she does not let membership know of illness, accidents, etc. for privacy reasons. Twig Morris asked if Jan could contact members and ask if membership can contact. Carol Ralph will ask Jan if she will do that.

III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. **Caren Griffin** – April 25, 2024 Around & About is River Lilly Cruise with lunch at the New England Fish Market.

IV. Special Committee Reports

- A. 2024 Stables/Gardens Tour – Carol Coleman – See attached report and semi-final budget.
- B. Spring Luncheon "All About Celebrating Spring" – Carol Ralph – Plans are coming along. Stormi and Carol went to Pat Ford's to look for flowers for centers of hats created by Dee Rolfe.
- C. Earth Day Plant Sale – Carol Ralph – See attached budget and talked about ways to draw in more customers. Cass Stryker suggested that we coordinate with the VOW regarding vendors. Twig stated we need to have more advertising for the Plant Sale.
- D. Wildflower Meadow – Lisa Ferrano has \$300 left of the grant and the budget from WGC and she will use them for signs. She suggested that we get a proclamation from the Village for October being Native Plant Month and we could plan a Meadow dedication and invite the Village government officials. Lisa is willing to chair this project. CJ McCartney went to the Meadow and said it looked beautiful.
- E. ULDA – Stormi Bivin - The 2024 ULDA awards announced at the Spring District X Meeting. The annual awards include Private Residence, Private Facility, Public Facility and Small Business. WGC submitted two of the four winning entries. The certificates were presented at the meeting. One was for Big & Small Dog Ranch Rescue for Small Business, and the other for the PBC Tax Collector's office in Westlake for Public Facility. West Palm Beach Garden Club won for Private Residence and Piper's Landing GC won

- for Private Facility, which was the venue where the Spring District X meeting was held (Pipers Landing Yacht & CC). Maria Wolfe presented the awards.
- F. Awards – Twig Morris – Our club got two awards, one for our Flower Show schedule, we will not hear about the awards from NGC until June. Second was for Susan Hillson's Dish Garden which won the overall Horticulture Award. Third was for our Tree Planting (we were 4th in the State) with 458 trees planted by WGC and members. Piper's Landing won the 1st Place Award with thousands of trees. Next year we will apply for the Wildflower Meadow.
 - G. Membership Renewals – So far the latest spreadsheet from Margaret Tamsberg shows 116. If any of you would like to help make calls to remind membership to renew, please call Margaret.

V. Old Business

- A. Flyers and brochures created by VOW – Carol Ralph will try to obtain a supply of brochures for our use for distribution at events.
- B. Scholarship Committee – Alison Albury report we have five students who will receive \$1000. They were selected from a slate of nine applicants, based on need and scholarship ability. Their \$1000 will be deposited in their financial account in their respective universities for use in books and tuition expense. I am happy to report that 4 of the 5 recipients will be able to attend the May luncheon. Cory Evans, Palm Beach State College; Maria Battell, University of Florida; Elizabeth Rowa, Palm Beach State College and Michelle Redkin as well and Julia Hartley, University of Florida. Alison will send the checks to the universities.

VI. New Business

- A. National Garden Week – Linda DeSanti and Twig Morris have arranged Tuesday, June 4 at 10:00 as the day to put together the arrangements for distribution to VOW offices and the fire stations.

At this point the meeting was interrupted by a fire alarm and a need to evacuate..

- B. If anyone has an idea for an activity this summer, please speak up.

VII. Announcements

Adjourn – The meeting ended when we left the building. Time was between 10:30AM – 11:00AM.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Ralph.

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 - a. P&L dated 4-24-24.
 - D. **1st Vice President** – Petra Russell
 - E. **2nd Vice President** – Kristi Westrup
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- VIII. Adjourn**

April 23, 2024

Wellington Garden Club
Treasurer Report

Income since April 1, 2024 was \$11,312.26, primarily from the Stable Tour and Spring luncheon.

Expenses since April 1, 2024 were \$11,776.87 primarily for the Stable Tour, College Scholarships, Seek, and Wekiva camperships and the Spring Luncheon deposit,

Balance in the checking account is \$37,663.71.

For more information please review the budget versus p&l to date.

Danese Sloan Kendall
Treasurer

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 June 1, 2023 through April 22, 2024

	Jun 1, '2...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
Income				
4000 · INCOME				
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing				
4101 · Boutique Items	808.00	0.00	808.00	100.0%
4104 · Plants sale	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	1,205.00	500.00	705.00	241.0%
4110 · Misc	139.70	100.00	39.70	139.7%
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing - Other	10.00	100.00	-90.00	10.0%
Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing	2,162.70	4,200.00	-2,037.30	51.5%
4200 · Membership Dues	5,520.50	5,625.00	-104.50	98.1%
4300 · Program Services Revenue				
4301 · Awards & Grants				
4301.1 · Awards	130.00	0.00	130.00	100.0%
4301.2 · Grants	1,500.00	250.00	1,250.00	600.0%
4301 · Awards & Grants - Other	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Total 4301 · Awards & Grants	1,630.00	300.00	1,330.00	543.3%
4302 · Donations & Memorials				
4302.1 · Donations Other	151.00	0.00	151.00	100.0%
4302 · Donations & Memorials - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 4302 · Donations & Memorials	151.00	100.00	51.00	151.0%
4308 · Floral Design	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	100.0%
4308b · Garden Art	180.00	0.00	180.00	100.0%
4309 · Penny Pines	174.87	0.00	174.87	100.0%
4313 · Coral Reef	321.24	0.00	321.24	100.0%
Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue	3,557.11	400.00	3,157.11	889.3%
4400 · Special Events				
4401 · Around & Abouts	3,191.66	0.00	3,191.66	100.0%
4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income				
4402.1 · Member meals Holiday Luncheon	2,602.00	4,500.00	-1,898.00	57.8%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	404.00	500.00	-96.00	80.8%
Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income	3,006.00	5,000.00	-1,994.00	60.1%
4403 · Spring Luncheon Income				
4403.1 · Member meals Spring Luncheon	3,024.00	4,500.00	-1,476.00	67.2%
4403.2 · Other Income Spring Luncheon	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Total 4403 · Spring Luncheon Income	3,024.00	4,750.00	-1,726.00	63.7%
Total 4400 · Special Events	9,221.66	9,750.00	-528.34	94.6%
4409 · Fundraising				
4409 b · Fundrasing other	2,951.80	1,275.00	1,676.80	231.5%
4409c · Shredding	887.00	700.00	187.00	126.7%
4409d · The Kings Academy	8,193.00	0.00	8,193.00	100.0%
4500 · Garden Tour				
4501 · Garden Tour Sponsors	6,900.00	8,000.00	-1,100.00	86.3%
4502 · Garden Tour Boutique	491.27	0.00	491.27	100.0%
4504 · Garden Tour Raffle Income	448.00	950.00	-502.00	47.2%
4505 · Garden Tour Ticket Sales	10,088.30	5,000.00	5,088.30	201.8%
4506 · Garden Club Advertisers	600.00	1,500.00	-900.00	40.0%
4509 · Vendors	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
4500 · Garden Tour - Other	350.00	0.00	350.00	100.0%
Total 4500 · Garden Tour	18,877.57	15,700.00	3,177.57	120.2%
Total 4409 · Fundraising	30,909.37	17,675.00	13,234.37	174.9%
4700 · District X Meeting	85.00	0.00	85.00	100.0%
Total 4000 · INCOME	51,456.34	37,650.00	13,806.34	136.7%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 June 1, 2023 through April 22, 2024

	Jun 1, '2...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
Total Income	51,456.34	37,650.00	13,806.34	136.7%
Gross Profit	51,456.34	37,650.00	13,806.34	136.7%
Expense				
6500 · EXPENSE				
6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses				
6502 · Boutique & Logo Items	319.75	0.00	319.75	100.0%
6505 · Plants sale	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
6507 · Plants Meetings	19.09	50.00	-30.91	38.2%
6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses - Other	249.00	0.00	249.00	100.0%
Total 6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses	587.84	2,050.00	-1,462.16	28.7%
6599 · Fundraising expenses				
6599c · Shredding	150.00	150.00	0.00	100.0%
6599d · The Kings Academy	7,213.00	0.00	7,213.00	100.0%
6600 · Garden Tour Expense				
6602 · Homeowners' Gifts	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
6604 · Miscellaneous Expense				
6604B · Golfcarts	1,397.90	1,000.00	397.90	139.8%
6604 · Miscellaneous Expense - Other	14.96	0.00	14.96	100.0%
Total 6604 · Miscellaneous Expense	1,412.86	1,000.00	412.86	141.3%
6605 · Refreshments	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6607 · Program Printing	326.38	600.00	-273.62	54.4%
6608 · Publicity	300.00	1,500.00	-1,200.00	20.0%
6612 · Printing of Posters and Flyers	37.50	100.00	-62.50	37.5%
6618 · Refreshments for Docents	24.33	0.00	24.33	100.0%
Total 6600 · Garden Tour Expense	2,101.07	3,700.00	-1,598.93	56.8%
Total 6599 · Fundraising expenses	9,464.07	3,850.00	5,614.07	245.8%
6700 · Management & General				
6701 · Chamber Dues (Wellington)	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6702 · Correspondence	234.96	250.00	-15.04	94.0%
6703 · Discretionary	65.03	250.00	-184.97	26.0%
6704 · Historian	79.12	25.00	54.12	316.5%
6705 · Insurance	582.27	700.00	-117.73	83.2%
6706 · Membership				
6706b · New member reception	154.12	150.00	4.12	102.7%
6706 · Membership - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 6706 · Membership	154.12	250.00	-95.88	61.6%
6707 · Newsletter	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
6709 · President's Expense	844.69	800.00	44.69	105.6%
6710 · Printing Expense	78.60	0.00	78.60	100.0%
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	340.29	1,000.00	-659.71	34.0%
6712 · Website	75.98	350.00	-274.02	21.7%
6713 · Yearbook	825.00	800.00	25.00	103.1%
6717 · Miscellaneous				
6717 b · Storage	527.45	575.40	-47.95	91.7%
6717 · Miscellaneous - Other	31.77	0.00	31.77	100.0%
Total 6717 · Miscellaneous	559.22	575.40	-16.18	97.2%
Total 6700 · Management & General	3,964.28	5,525.40	-1,561.12	71.7%
6800 · Program Services				
6802 · Award & Grants	31.92	100.00	-68.08	31.9%
6803 · Member Education	953.50	2,000.00	-1,046.50	47.7%
6804 · FFGC & District Dues				
6804.1 · Dues FFGC	110.00	1,562.50	-1,452.50	7.0%
6804.2 · Dues District X	0.00	62.50	-62.50	0.0%
Total 6804 · FFGC & District Dues	110.00	1,625.00	-1,515.00	6.8%

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

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	Jun 1, '2...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
6805 · FFGC Convention Ad	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
6806 · Honorary Awards	50.00	600.00	-550.00	8.3%
6807 · Floral Design	418.87	100.00	318.87	418.9%
6807b · Garden Art	227.96	100.00	127.96	228.0%
6808 · Habitat	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
6809 · Youth Activities				
6809.1 · Youth programs	415.71	0.00	415.71	100.0%
6809 · Youth Activities - Other	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00	0.0%
Total 6809 · Youth Activities	415.71	1,600.00	-1,184.29	26.0%
6810 · Meeting Programs/Speakers	150.00	1,000.00	-850.00	15.0%
6812 · Memorials and Donations	250.00	150.00	100.00	166.7%
6813 · Mounts Membership	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
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	300.00	1,500.00	-1,200.00	20.0%
6817 · Sunshine Fund	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6818 · Wekiva Camperships	1,460.00	1,470.00	-10.00	99.3%
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	136.00	0.00	136.00	100.0%
6827 · Earth Day	136.72	100.00	36.72	136.7%
6829 · National Garden Week	246.86	200.00	46.86	123.4%
6830 · NGC Disaster Fund	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6831 · Environmental Education	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6834 · Coral Reef Restoration	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.0%
6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping				
6836.b · Wellington Wildflower Garden	2,681.60	300.00	2,381.60	893.9%
6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping - Other	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
Total 6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping	2,681.60	650.00	2,031.60	412.6%
6837 · Community Garden	124.22	450.00	-325.78	27.6%
Total 6800 · Program Services	8,118.36	18,220.00	-10,101.64	44.6%
6900 · Special Events Direct Expense				
6901 · Around & Abouts	4,009.02	100.00	3,909.02	4,009.0%
6904 · Holiday Luncheon				
6911 · Holiday luncheon Other expense	437.90	300.00	137.90	146.0%
6913 · Member Meals	2,029.28	4,500.00	-2,470.72	45.1%
Total 6904 · Holiday Luncheon	2,467.18	4,800.00	-2,332.82	51.4%
6905 · Hospitality	124.31	300.00	-175.69	41.4%
6908 · Spring Luncheon				
6909 · Spring luncheon Other expense	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6912 · Guest meals	0.00	225.00	-225.00	0.0%
6914 · Member Meals	800.00	4,500.00	-3,700.00	17.8%
Total 6908 · Spring Luncheon	800.00	5,025.00	-4,225.00	15.9%
Total 6900 · Special Events Direct Expense	7,400.51	10,225.00	-2,824.49	72.4%
6910 · Flowershow	95.48	2,000.00	-1,904.52	4.8%
Total 6500 · EXPENSE	29,630.54	41,870.40	-12,239.86	70.8%
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	45.10	0.00	45.10	100.0%
Total Expense	29,675.64	41,870.40	-12,194.76	70.9%
Net Income	21,780.70	-4,220.40	26,001.10	-516.1%

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Wellington Garden Tour for 2024
An Exclusive Tour of Private Equestrian Estates

This year's Equestrian Farm Tour was a giant success. The farms were chosen to give a diverse selection of the many styles and disciplines in The Village of Wellington. We got rave reviews from all who attended the tour with requests to please do it again.

We had Santa Rita Polo Stables owned by Melissa Ganzzi. Melissa is an excellent rider and has a very successful ladies league. She has four polo fields and opens her barn to other teams to rent stalls for the season. We were lucky enough to see two games in action. One at 10:00 and the other on a different field, at 11:00. The barns were open to all to visit and see just how lucky these horses are and how well cared for. Many of Melissa's horses will move to Aspen, Colorado for the summer to play summer polo. We needed golf carts to be able to view this 50-acre farm.

River Run Farm, owned by Phoebe Westley is primarily a hunter barn. Phoebe is a world class hunter rider with many championships beautifully exhibited in her gorgeous private owner's lounge. The visitors were given a private tour by Phoebe that everyone commented about in which they learned all about hunters and how they are cared for.

Eagle Tree Farm, owned by Lourdes Fernandez Miranda is an exclusive dressage barn with a beautiful, covered arena. The visitors were lucky enough to see many of the riders who rent for the season practicing their highly trained mounts in what could easily be called dancing on horseback. I heard that many of the riders spoke to the people about what they were doing and what their plans were going to be.

Our next barn was Helgstrand. This barn had both dressage horses and show jumpers. Their covered arena was attached to the rider's lounge where we were able to have our vendors. In the future we need to have signs to guide people to their tables. This stable is extremely large and just like Santa Rita, we needed the golf carts to be able to see the jumper ring, the grass jumping arena and the many barns and paddocks.

The final barn was the one most talked about since it was the most unusual. Mida Farm, owned by Victoria McCullough, houses the largest but gentlest horses on the tour. The Clydesdales were the hit of the tour as the visitors were able to walk through the barn petting and feeding these gentle giants. Victoria even took the horses out of the stalls for all to see. Although the tour was a little limited to handicapped visitors, Victoria told me that one visitor in a riding chair was surprised when one of the horses reached down and placed his head in her lap looking to be petted. I believe we have pictures of this that I hope we will post. At the end of the tour, we had a drawing for one lucky person to have a carriage ride with Victoria.

My sincere thanks go out to Melissa Ganzzi, Phoebe Westley, Lourdes Fernandez Miranda, Melissa Taylor, Helgstrand Farm Manager and Victoria McCullough for your generosity and participation in this very important fundraiser for the Wellington Garden Club.

And, thank you to the Village of Wellington for allowing us to use the parking lot in front of Village Hall for ticket sales and distribution of tour information on the day of the event.

All in all, a fabulous tour on a spectacular day and one that will be remembered. I don't know how we are going to top this one in two years' time. Thank you to everyone involved from all the committees. We have an amazing club and one I am proud to be a member of.

Carol Coleman
Chair
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