

**WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB**  
Minutes from Members Meeting  
Dated January 8, 2024 – 10:06 AM  
Wellington Community Center – Ballroom

**I. Welcome – Carol Ralph**

- A. Establish a quorum
- B. Silence all cell phones
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. President's Announcement – Life Membership Awarded to Maria Wolfe

**II. Speaker Presentation – Kristi Westrup to introduce Tom Peterson – Peterson Farms Honey - Topic – Pollinators and Natural Habitats**

**III. B. Recording Secretary – Cynthia Gardner**

- 1. Minutes from November 6, 2023 Members meeting were approved as read.

**IV. Office Reports**

**A. Presidents Report**

- 1. Coral Reef Restoration basket was passed around.
- 2. Moment of silence for Kay Brown who passed away on December 20, 2023. A brick will be purchased in her honor and placed in the FFGC Winter Gardens Headquarters.
- 3. The Holiday Gift Boutique took place and was not very profitable. Net profit of \$655 of which \$258 was donated from Dee Rolfe's earnings.
- 4. Reminder that 50/50 and Opportunity Drawing tickets for the April 9th FFGC Convention are still available from Carol Ralph and Kathy Siena.
- 5. The New Member Reception will be on Tuesday February 27, 2024 in the Lakeview West room from 9 am – 12 pm. Invitations will be sent out soon.
- 6. The Sunset Social at Anne Hlasnicek's home was cancelled.

**B. Treasurer Report – Marianne Forrest.**

Financial report updated income and expenses.

**D. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Petra Russell – no report.**

**E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Kristi Westrup**

- 1. Speaker for the February 5, 2024 Membership Meeting will be Lance Osborne – Topic – Insect & Pest Control in our Gardens..

**F. Corresponding Secretary – Jan Seagrave**

- 1. Thank you letter from Florida Oceanographic Society for \$100 donation to education fund.
- 2. Thank you letter from scholarship recipient.

**V. Standing Committee Reports**

**A. Around & About – Caren Griffin/Terrienne Tuskes**

- 1. Lion Country Safari on Thursday, January 18; 2024 for a drive-thru tour. Lunch on your own. \$45 regular price discounted to \$14 for Garden Club. Sign up sheets available.
- 2. Flamingo Gardens walking tour on February 15, 2024. \$59 includes admission, lunch and bus transportation. Sign-up sheet in January

**B. Community Garden at the B & G Club – Carol Ralph – no report.**

**C. Hospitality**

- 1. Thank you to everyone who brought this months meeting refreshments.
- 2. Meeting plant sale generated \$200.

**D. Scholarship Committee – John & Kathy Siena**

- 1. Committee accepting applications which should be emailed by April 1, 2024
- 2. Sunset Social at John & Kathy Siena's home on February 9, 2024 from 6 – 9 pm..

**E. Membership – Alison Albury**

1. 10 guests. 3 new member presentations.

**G. Minute for Gardening – Twig Morris**

1. Fun with Flowers workshops will be on Tuesdays – 02/13/2024, 03/26/2024 & 04/23/2024 at Wellington Green Mall District meeting room from 1 – 3 pm. \$50 for all 3 classes.

**VI. Special Committee Reports**

**A. “Fun with Flowers” - Linda DiSanti**

1. Linda DiSanti, - floral design workshop demo.

**B. Exclusive Tour of Wellington Stables - Carol Coleman**

1. Several stables including Bruce Springsteen & Mida Farms. Working on Helgstrand plus a 3-D stable. April 6, 2024 from 10 am to 4 pm. Walking tour. \$75. Volunteers will be needed.

**C. Tropical Short Course – Maria Wolfe**

1. Class Reminder - 2 days - January 25 & 26, 2024 at Wellington Community Center.

**D. Art in Bloom – Maria Wolfe**

1. Florida Federation of Flower Show judges hosting a free event in Delray Beach where a floral design is created to compliment a piece of art.

**D. Shredding Event – Barbara Zenker**

1. January 13, 2024 from 9 – 11 am in front of City Hall. Signup sheet for volunteers.

**E. Unsolicited Landscape Awards – Stormi Bivin**

- 1.. Annual District X award given in 4 categories. Anyone can nominate a garden. Deadline for nominations March 1, 2024.

**F. Report on Sales TKA “Best of Broadway” – Stormi Bivin**

- 1, 80 tickets have been sold for February 3, 2024 show which will net WGC \$400.
2. Peter Pan will be performed on April 13, 2024 at 1 pm. Matinee.

**G. Holiday Luncheon – Barbara Zenker**

1. Luncheons are not fundraisers but \$100 was profited from raffle sales & 50/50.

**H. Shredding Event – Carol Ralph**

1. Shredding event on January 13, 2024 from 9 – 11 am.at Village Hall

**I. Wekiva Youth Camp Campers Report – Jan Seagrave**

1. 5 Students registered and 1 wait-listed.

**J. Arbor Day Celebration – Katherine Wagner Reiss**

1. Tree planting ceremony January 19, 2024 at 11 am with tour of the park.

**K. Gardening School Course 4 – Carol Ralph**

1. Course coming up.

**VII. Old Business – none**

**VIII. New Business – None**

**VIII. Announcements – Carol Ralph**

1. No announcements.

Raffle winners were Twig Morris, Jan Seagrave, Tom Romah & Nancy Cinieri.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Gardner

Recording Secretary