

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Minutes from Members Meeting
Dated February 5, 2024 – 10:04 AM
Wellington Community Center – Media Room

I. Welcome – Carol Ralph

- A. Established a quorum
- B. Silenced all cell phones
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Speaker Presentation – Kristi Westrup introduced Lance Osborne, Professor of Entomology - Topic – Insect and Pest Control in our Gardens

III. B. Recording Secretary – Cynthia Gardner

- 1. Minutes from January 8, 2024 Members meeting were approved as read.

IV. Office Reports

A. Presidents Report

- 1. Penny Pines basket was passed around.
- 2. Sunset Social on February 9, 2024 at John & Kathy Siena's home from 6 to 9 pm. Signup sheet on table.
- 3. Reminder that Opportunity Drawing tickets for the April 9th FFGC Convention are still available from Carol Ralph. All the 50/50 tickets have been sold.
- 4. The New Member Reception will be on Tuesday February 27, 2024 in the Lakeview West room from 9 am – 12 pm. The reception is to introduce the new members to the Committee Chairs. All new members are invited. All Committee Chairs please attend.
- 5. The Spring Luncheon (All About Spring) will be held in the Community Center ballroom on Monday May 6, 2024.
- 6. There will be a ticket sales committee for the Garden Tour at the Tackeria on April 5, 2024. Volunteers must buy tickets.

B. Treasurer Report – Danese Sloan-Kendall.

Financial report updated income and expenses. Current balance \$22,516.45.

D. 1st Vice President - Petra Russell – no report.

E. 2nd Vice President – Kristi Westrup

- 1. Speaker for the March 4, 2024 Membership Meeting will be David Valdes – Topic – Strengthening in Gardening.

F. Corresponding Secretary – Jan Seagrave – no report

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Around & About – Caren Griffin/Terrienne Tuskes

- 1. Flamingo Gardens on Thursday, February 15; 2024. Price \$59
- 2. Busch Wildlife Sanctuary on March 14, 2024. \$8. Lunch at the Food Shack on Indiantown Road

B. Newsletter – Tina Richter

- 1. Send articles, etc. to Tina

C. Adopt A Street – Carol Ralph

- 1. Rescheduled to Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

D. Community Garden at the B & G Club – Carol Ralph

- 1. Due to a lack of help and volunteers it was decided to withdraw from this project.

E. Hospitality - Carol Ralph

1. Thank you to everyone who brought in food for the meeting.

F. Scholarship Committee – John Siena

1. Modifications have been made to streamline the registration and application process.
2. The committee has reached out to local high schools and colleges and is ahead of schedule. They already have 2 applicants!.

G. Membership – Sharon Millette/Kathy Perinoff

1. 6 guests. 6 new members but no presentations.
2. Kathy Perinoff has current Yearbooks for pickup if you have not yet done so.
3. New members should rely on their WGC sponsor as a mentor.

H. Minute for Gardening – Anne Hlasnicek

1. Waterbowl Presentation.

I. Garden 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 are needed for publicity (getting ads), greeters at each farm, Carol Ralph will be making the program, refreshments at Mida Farms. Ticket sales are being handled by Event Brite, but tickets can be purchased at the event. Meet at the Tackeria on the northwest corner of South Shore Blvd. and Pierson Road. Please do not bring children. Wear comfortable closed toe shoes. Stables on the tour are River Run, Eye Candy, Mida Farms, Rushie Marsh & Helgstrand. Cynthia Gardner is trying to get the 3D Stable. There is no need for any golf carts. Wheelchairs and/or walkers are no problem. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

J. Art in Bloom – Maria Wolfe

1. FFGC 100 Year Celebration in Jacksonville April 11-12, 2024. State Flower Show. Members Only Auction. Classes on how to make Corsages & Fascinator Hats!
2. Art in Bloom – Floral designers from District X will create a floral design to compliment a piece of art. Free Saturday event in Delray Beach from 12 – 7 pm.
3. Oceanographic Institute presentation “Seeing Red from Too Much Green” detailing current algae issues followed by lunch on April 18 from 8:30 am to 2 pm at Pipers Landing Yacht & Country Club (Palm City known for it’s excellent cuisine. Price TBD but qualifies for educational reimbursement.

K. Wekiva Youth Camp Scholarships – Jan Seagrave

1. 1 scholarship available for students grades 3 – 6. WGC Wekiva scholarships are to promote a love of nature in children.

L. Unsolicited Landscape Awards – Carol Ralph

- 1.. Be on the lookout for gardens to nominate. Deadline for nominations March 21, 2024.. Contact District Chair – Stormi Bivin. Info and registration forms will be sent email blast.

M. Tickets for “Peter Pan” – Carol Ralph

- 1, February 5, 2024 is the deadline for ticket registration and payment on April 13, 2024 at 1 pm matinee.

N. Wildflower Meadow – Lisa Ferrano

1. Report sent to the Wildflower Foundation as required by contract with activity details and photographs. Receipt of the final \$1,500 grant award is expected in the next few months. The next workday is February 6, 2024 from 8:30 to 11:00 am. .

O. Youth Gardens – Kathy Siena

1. Sunset Social at John & Kathy Siena’s house on February 9, 2024 from 6 -9 pm.

2, WGC supports youth garden club at Elbridge Gale Elementary School, Pine Jog Elementary School, Polo Park Middle School and Wellington High School both with “hands on” teaching and providing plants, seeds bulbs, seeds, etc. Local scout troops have been helping with the Wellington Butterfly Garden next to the dog park.

VI. Old Business

- A. Reminder from John Tamsberg that VOW Flower Award Nomination deadline is February 14, 2024.

VII. New Business

- A. Joint fundraiser with Wellington Historical Society on Wednesday March 13, 2024 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at NPC. Lunch & Learn topic – Story of Wetlands. \$50. WGC is seeking sponsorships from local businesses ranging from \$25 to \$1,000. See Carol Ralph for sponsorship letters.
- B. Carol Ralph discussed possibilities for satisfying the “100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years” list with member dining at California Kitchen kick-backs and Game Night at the Wellington Green Mall District room.

VIII. Announcements – Carol Ralph

- 1.. Reminder for NGC Gardening School Course 4 February 20-21, 2024 from 8:30 am to 3 pm. \$75+ \$8 exam fee.
- 2. Carol Richardson – WGC member is also a member of the Oleander Garden Club and asked for volunteers to help with the Greenacres Youth Garden.
- 3. Coming events are the Pompano Beach GC luncheon (Spring Flowers), Pamela Crawford Butterfly Garden Containers at Mounts Botanical Society.

Raffle winners were Sandra Sklar, Annette Lubsen, Beth Stewart

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Gardner
Recording Secretary