

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Minutes from Members Meeting
Dated March 4, 2024 – 10:03 AM
Wellington Community Center – Ballroom

I. Welcome – Carol Ralph

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

II. Speaker Presentation – Kristi Westrup to introduce David Valdes, Topic – Strengthening in Gardening.

III. B. Recording Secretary – Cynthia Gardner

- 1. Minutes from February 5, 2024 Members meeting were Mary B who suggested IV.J.2. Art in Bloom should include the date of February 10th. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

IV. Office Reports

A. Presidents Report

- 1. Coral Restoration basket was passed around.
- 2. Sunset Social on March 22, 2024 will be at Mary Kastner's home from 4 to 6 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 on Tuesday February 27, 2024 in the Lakeview West room was very successful. There were 13 new members and 44 club members in attendance.
- 5. The Spring Luncheon (All About Spring) will be held in the Community Center ballroom on Monday May 6, 2024. The committee is looking at caterers.
- 6. Request for volunteers to help at the WGC Butterfly Garden at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Preserve twice a month Call Kimberly Helms at 561-350-8681.

B. Treasurer Report – Danese Sloan-Kendall.

Financial report updated income and expenses. Current balance as of 02/26/2024 was \$20,434.50. Committee chairs need to send Danese their budget requests for the coming year by March 15th so they can be included in the new budget which will be sent to membership in April.

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

D. 2nd Vice President – Kristi Westrup

- 1. Speaker for the April 1, 2024 Membership Meeting will be Katherine Wagner-Reiss – Topic – What Garden Lovers Need to Understand about Plant Names...

E. Corresponding Secretary – Jan Seagrave

- 1. Reminder to all members to let Jan know when someone is ill, sick etc. so she can send a card.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Around & About – Caren Griffin/Terrienne Tuskes

- 1. Busch Gardens on March 14, 2024. Price \$8
- 2. River Lily Cruise on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

B. Newsletter – Tina Richter

1. Wellington will be celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, March 20, 2024 and the official earth day is March 22, 2024.

2. Round of applause to Tina for great newsletters!

C. Adopt A Street – Carol Ralph

1. There are 4 volunteers for Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the Dog Park at the SE corner of Greenbriar Blvd. and Aero Club Drive.

D. Hospitality - Carol Ralph

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

E. Scholarship Committee – John Siena

1. The committee has reached out to local high schools and colleges and is ahead of schedule. They already have 2 applicants!.

G. Membership – Alison Albury

1. 6 guests. 3 new member presentations.

H. Minute for Gardening – Anne Hlasnicek

1. There are no wrong plants for ground cover – only wrong places. Ground cover is very effective in eliminating problems. Be mindful of size at maturity when choosing what to plant.

I. Garden Tour of Wellington Stables - Carol Ralph for Carol Coleman

1. Several stables including polo, hunter/jumper, and dressage stables. Wear closed toe shoes good for all terrains. Be courteous when in the vicinity of working horses. The guide book will outline the features of each farm. Two of the farms will require golf carts. All farms will have refreshments. Considering food vendors. Sponsors are needed and suggestions are welcome. Flyers and sponsor cover letters and forms are on the table with the signup sheet. Member volunteers will need tickets. Volunteer price - \$40. General Ticket Price - \$75. Jan Seagrave is organizing the volunteers. Greeters are needed for each of the farms and volunteers are needed to pass out the bracelets and guide books. Meet at the Village Hall (location of the shredding event) for pickup of tickets and booklets. Stables can be viewed in any order. 5 stables total. There will be a pre-tour orientation for greeters.

J. Member Art Show at Conventiona and Spring District Meeting – Twig Morris

1. FFGC 100 Year Celebration in Jacksonville is on April 11-12, 2024. State Flower Show April 10-12, 2024. Susan Hilton and Twig Morris will be helping with the flower show. Convention program costs are eligible for 50% member reimbursement.

2. Oceanographic Institute presentation “Seeing Red from Too Much Green” detailing current algae issues followed by lunch on April 18, 2024 from 8:30 am to 2 pm at Pipers Landing Yacht & Country Club (Palm City) known for it’s excellent cuisine. Price \$50 but qualifies for educational reimbursement.

K. Wekiva Youth Camp Scholarship – Jan Seagrave

1. 1 scholarship still available

2. Please bring any unused recycle bags to donate to Wekiva for children’s projects.

L. Unsolicited Landscape Design Awards – Carol Ralph

1.. Reminder - be on the lookout for gardens to nominate. Deadline for nominations March 21, 2024.. Contact District Chair – Stormi Bivin.

M. Tickets for “Peter Pan” – Stormi Bivin

1. Thank you from Stormi to all. 91 tickets were sold with \$455 profit to WGC!

VI. Old Business - none

VII. New Business

- A. Joint fundraiser with Wellington Historical Society on Wednesday March 13, 2024 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at NPC. Lunch & Learn topic – Story of Wetlands. \$50.
- B. Carol Ralph discussed possibilities for satisfying the “100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years” list.

VIII. Announcements

- 1. Members signed up for Floral Design class who have not received their supplies can pick them up after the meeting.

Raffle winners were Helga Mesmer, Ann Finch and Jim Thompson

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Gardner
Recording Secretary