

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Minutes from Members Meeting
Dated November 6, 2023 - 10:08 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 introduced Kirsten Hines - Wild Florida - Animal Odyssey
- III. B. Recording Secretary** - Cynthia Gardner
 1. Minutes of the October 2, 2023 membership meeting had a typo correction by Stormi Bivin on Page 2 under the Wildflower Meadow section Greenbriar was misspelled.
- IV. Officer Reports**
 - A. President's Report**
 1. Oceanographic Seagrass donations basket was passed around.
 2. R & R Orchids Sunset Social was cancelled by R&R. Since we had the makeup Sunset Social at Diane Peaden's on October 27, 2023, we decided not to replace the R&R Sunset Social (S/S). Joan Kaplan had to cancel her scheduled March S/S. Mary Kastner offered to have a Sunset Social at her house on 03/22/2024.
 3. The Holiday Gift Boutique is coming up and volunteer help is needed. This is a WGC/WAS joint fund raiser - Saturday December 2, 2023. Carol Ralph has ordered 50 native Milkweed plants. Members are requested to donate plants. Sign up sheet is at the Volunteer table.
 4. WGC will participate in the Wellington Veterans Day Parade on Saturday November 11, 2023. Be there at 7:45 am if you are going to walk in the parade.
 5. Reminder that 50/50 and Opportunity Drawing tickets for the April 9th FFGC Convention are still available.
 6. List of ads from sister garden clubs is available.
 7. FFGC Membership cards are available for new members
 - B. Treasurer** - Danese Sloan-Kendall. Financial report and updated procedure for expenses and member education reimbursements. Copies of reports are on file with the recording secretary.
 - D. 1st Vice President** - Petra Russell - no report.
 - E. 2nd Vice President** - Kristi Westrup
 1. Speaker for the January 8, 2024 Membership Meeting will be Tom Peterson - Peterson Farms Honey. - Topic - Pollinators and Natural Habitats.
 - F. Corresponding Secretary** - Jan Seagrave - Read Wekiva thank you notes.
- IV. Standing Committee Reports**
 - A. Around & About** - Caren Griffin/Terrienne Tuskes
 1. Tour of Kit Pannill's garden in Palm Beach on Thursday November 16, 2023 at 10:30 am. Lunch following at Bice on Worth Avenue. Need to carpool. Meet by Community Center pool.
 2. 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.

B. Community Garden at the B & G Club - Carol Ralph

1. BGCPBC Manager will supply help and volunteers when needed. No background check required if children are not present. Carol took background check course which took about 2 hours and 30 minutes.

C. Hospitality

1. Thank you to everyone who brought this month's meeting refreshments

D. Butterfly Garden - Marjory Stoneman Douglas Habitat

1. Workday - Thursday November 9, 2023 at 8:30 am.

E. Scholarship Committee - John Siena

1. Committee will be simplifying membership forms and using more media. Will be modernizing approach due to past limited success. \$5,000 budget. Read letters of gratitude from grateful recipients.

F. Membership - Alison Albury

1. 2 guests. 5 new members and 1 renewal presentation.

G. Minute for Gardening - Anne Hlasnicek

1. Now is the time to plant vegetables.

H. JoAnn Akins – Plant raffle sales at November meeting - \$189

V. Special Committee Reports

A. NGC Gardening School Course 3 - Anne Hlasnicek

1. Course 3 will be offered in West Palm Beach on November 16-17 at Mounts Botanical Center. Registration closes November 12th.
2. Course 4 will be offered in February. Agenda next to signup sheets.

B. Exclusive Tour of Wellington Stables - Carol Coleman advised members of plans to date. A meeting is planned in January for those members who wish to sign up to work. The tour will be April 6, 2024 from 10 am to 4 pm. Carpooling suggested. Volunteers will be needed.

C. Holiday Luncheon - Barbara Zenker

1. Last day for signup is today. Please pay.

D. Shredding Event - Barbara Zenker

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

E. Wekiva Volunteer Training - Stormi Bivin

1. Recruiting volunteers for the training program February 9-11, 2024. Live like a camper. Food & lodging is \$75 for the weekend in Apopka, FL.

F. Jan Seagrave - 6 scholarships provided by the WGC. Read letters from grateful recipients.

G. Art Show at FFGC Convention - Maria Wolfe

1. 100 year convention April 9 - 12, 2024 in Jacksonville. Excellent speakers scheduled. Special art show for garden club members including photography, jewelry, needlework, etc.

Tropical Short Course - Maria Wolfe

1. Tropical Short Course. 2 days - January 24 & 25, 2024 at Wellington Community Center. \$85 dollars. Eligible for Education Reimbursement through WGC. Registration forms available.

H. Holiday Tea and Tour - Carol Ralph - Registration closed. Sold out.

VI. Old Business -

1. 3 people from last meeting who didn't get their plants.

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Announcements - Carol Ralph

1. No announcements.

Name Tag Raffle winners were Sandra Clarke, Elizabeth Stewart, Candace Cavaleri, and Terrienne Tuskes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Gardner, Recording Secretary