

**WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB**  
Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting  
September 27, 2023 - 9:30 AM  
Wellington Community Center- WiFi Room

**Attendees:** Alison Albury, Stormi Bivin, Lisa Ferrano, Marianne Forrest, Cynthia Gardner, Caren Griffin, Linda Messina, Carol Ralph, Petra Russell, Jan Seagrave, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Cass Stryker, Kristi Westrup

**I. Call to Order-Carol Ralph**

- A. Established a quorum
- B. Silenced all cell phones

**II. Office Reports**

**A. Presidents Report**

1. Attendance at the September 11 membership meeting - 75 members, 6 guests - 2 joined
  2. District X Fall Meeting - October 20, 2023 from 8:30 - 2:30 pm at Monarch Country Club in Palm City. \$50. Let Carol know who is going. Jan Seagrave, Marianne Forrest and Stormi Bivin delegates. Forms are available to register.
  3. Sunset Social at Diane Peaden's garden rescheduled to Friday, October 27, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
  4. This month's meeting is "Bring a Friend" and also Native Plant month.
  5. WGC/WAS joint fund raiser – Saturday, December 2, 2023. Carol Ralph has ordered 50 native Milkweed plants from Jane Thompson - Indian Trails Nursery. Members requested to donate plants. Signup sheet at Volunteer table.
  6. From Carol Ralph - 50/50 tickets (\$5) and Opportunity Drawing tickets (\$2) for the FFGC Convention April luncheon raffle.
  7. FFGC membership cards are available from Carol Ralph.
  8. District X Holiday Tea and Tour at the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum organized by Marie Wolfe on December 14, 2023 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. \$62.
  9. Tropical Short Course on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Wellington Community Center from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Marianne Forrest has registration forms.
  10. Boynton Beach Garden Club - Blossoms and Butterflies Luncheon/Fashion Show Wednesday March 20, 2024 - 12:00 to 3:00 pm. \$45.
    1. **Recording Secretary** - Cynthia Gardner - Minutes of the August 30, 2023 Board of Directors meeting were approved as submitted.
- B. Treasurer** - Danese Sloan-Kendall - no report.
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** - Petra Russell - no report.
- D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** - Kristi Westrup
1. Speaker for the October 2, 2023 Membership Meeting will be George Soria - Topic - Permaculture.
  2. Speaker for the November 6, 2023 Membership Meeting will be Kirsten Hines - Topic - Wild Florida - An Animal Odyssey.
  3. Jan Seagrave - Thank you cards from Wekiva Youth Camp attendees and parents. Will read them at November Membership meeting.

### **III. Standing Committee Reports**

#### **A. Around & About - Caren Griffin**

- 1.. South Florida Permaculture Resource Center tour Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 10:am with George Soria Permaculture Organic farming. Lunch to follow at Bonefish Mac's.
2. November 16<sup>th</sup> tour of Kit Pannill's garden in Palm Beach at 10:30 am. Lunch to follow at Alfresco. Need to carpool. Specify east or west.

#### **B. Community Garden - Carol Ralph/Diane Peaden**

1. Boys and Girls Club status report - Waiting for application approvals from Boys & Girls Club manager.

### **IV. Special Committee Reports**

#### **A. Holiday Luncheon – December 4, 2023, Casa Tequila in Wellington.**

#### **B. Wildflower Meadow - Lisa Ferrano**

1. 8 Volunteers planted 400 native plants from 3 local nurseries at Green Briar Dog Park. Wellington Village helpers dug the holes and the VOW Landscape personnel delivered the plants. Additional \$1,500 funding for more plants in January, 2024. Few years project.
2. Arbor Day report from Carol Ralph. Katherine Wagner-Reiss has prepared a letter to be sent to various Village personnel regarding celebration and tour by Will Gurney on Friday, January 19, 2024 at Rotary Peace Park (behind library).

### **V. Old Business - None**

### **VI. New Business**

1. Report from Diane Rice -September 16<sup>th</sup> International Coastal Clean-up was a success. Four volunteers 1 hour spent picking up plastics.
2. WGC joins Mounts Botanical Garden each year and receives 2 free memberships. Jan Seagrave suggested raffling the memberships.

### **VII. Announcements - none**

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Gardner  
Recording Secretary