

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting
October 25, 2023
Wellington Community Center- WiFi Room

Attendees: Alison Albury, Stormi Bivin, Lisa Ferrano, Huguette Damas, Linda DeSanti, Marianne Forrest, Cynthia Gardner, Linda Messina, Carol Ralph, Dee Rolfe, Petra Russell, Jan Seagrave, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Cass Stryker, Maria Wolfe

I. Call to Order - Carol Ralph

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

II. Office Reports

A. Recording Secretary - Cynthia Gardner

- 1. Minutes of the September 27, 2023 Board of Directors meeting were revised to correct the spelling of Maria Wolfe's name and approved as corrected.

B. Presidents Report

- 1. Attendance at October 2 membership meeting 66 members, 10 guests - 2 joined
- 2. Sunset Social at Diane Peaden's garden is rescheduled for October 27, 2023. R&R Orchids canceled and cannot be rescheduled. Due to Diane Peadens being rescheduled and upcoming holidays no replacement was made.. Alison Albury asked if it was possible or members or a group to go to R&R to buy orchids as they are hard to get in. Carol Ralph will inquire.
- 3. Holiday Gift Boutique organization is moving ahead nicely. Some volunteers have signed up, but need more. Members need to bring plants for sale..
- 4. Sign-up for Holiday luncheon still open, is being planned at Casa Tequila.
- 5. 50/50 and Opportunity Drawing tickets from FFGC Convention in April 2024 are still available from Carol Ralph and Kathy Siena.
- 6. FFGC is not doing a convention flyer this year or printing a program/booklet. A motion was made by Maria Wolfe, seconded by Kathy Siena and passed unanimously to reallocate budgeted funds for an ad in the April issue of Florida Gardener.
- 7. WGC received a gift check for \$30 from FFGC due to excess money they had budgeted.
- 8. WGC was invited to speak at Rotary Club of Wellington weekly meeting. John Siena volunteered to give a presentation and was unanimously approved by an informal vote. Carol Ralph will confirm and schedule a date.
- 9. Carol Ralph has flyers from sister garden clubs regarding upcoming events.
- 10. Carol Ralph bought a book, My Green is Gone for donation to the Wellington Branch Library to give during National Garden Week.

C. Treasurer - Dianese Sloan-Kendall - no report, submitted revised 09/29/23 report.

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

E. 2nd Vice President - Kristi Westrup

- 1. Speaker for the October 2, 2023 Membership Meeting will be Kirstin Hines - Topic - Wild Florida - An Animal Odyssey
- 2. January 10th meeting - Tom Peterson/Honey Farmer - Pollinators & Natural Habitats

F. Corresponding Secretary - Jan Seagrave.

- 1. Let Jan know about anyone who is sick so WGC can send them a Get Well card.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Around & About - Caren Griffin

- 1. Report given by Carol Ralph for Caren.
- 2. November 16th 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.

3. January 18th tour of Lion Country Safari at 10:00 am.
4. Flamingo Gardens tour in February 2024. Need to find out bus capacity.

B. Community Garden - Carol Ralph

Boy's and Girls Club manager has approved Carol Ralph and will help provide volunteers to work in the garden. Will Gurney from VOW will also provide workers for heavy, scheduled work. Youth Environmental Alliance may help every other week - TBD by Will Gurney.

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. Anne Hlasnicek

1. - Report given by Carol Ralph. Reminder for NGC Course 3 November 16 & 17th.

B. Wekiva Volunteer Training - Stormi Bivin

1. Time to promote training weekend Friday, February 9, 2024 to Sunday noon followed by Wekiva Open House. Live like a camper. Limited to 40 volunteers. \$75 includes meals. Qualifies for 50% member reimbursement. Carol Ralph and Katherine Wagner-Reese will be attending.

C. Unsolicited Landscape Design Awards - Stormi Bivin

1. Be on the lookout for candidates. Need Photos. Commercial or residential properties allowed. No gated properties. No contact with property owner. Submittal deadline 03/21/2024. Award given at District Level. WGC is one of few clubs to participate annually.

D. Art Show at FFGC Convention in April, 2024.- Maria Wolfe

1. Special judged art show at April Convention for WGC members to display artistic talent

E. Tropical Short Course - Maria Wolfe

1. Reminder for Tropical Short Course on January 25th & 26th 2024.at Wellington Community Center.

F. Holiday Tea & Tour at Henry Morrison Flagler Museum - Maria Wolfe

1. Reminder for Event on Thursday, December 14, 2023. Registration closes on 11/05/2023. Cost-\$62.

V. Old Business

- A. Carol Ralph - Document Shedding Fundraiser on Saturday, January 13, 2024. 9:00 to 11:00 am.
- B. Twig Morris - Status on awards to submit to FFGC. for list of 100 things to celebrate for 100 years.
- C. Maria Wolfe - Status of Veterans Day March.
- D. Danese Sloan-Kendall - Screening of WGC video. .

VI. New Business - none

VII. Announcements – none

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.

Respectfully submitted.

Cynthia Gardner,
Recording Secretary