

## WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

### Membership Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

Wellington Community Center

#### I. **Welcome** – Carol Ralph – 10:01AM

- A. Established a quorum
- B. Silenced all cell phones
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Alison Albury introduced 4 guests, Alex Smith, Trish Kohlway, Susan Specht and Marcia Dacosta. Alison also asked members to help with greeting guests and new members.
- E. Paige Griffin asked new members to see her to have their pictures taken.
- F. Carol Ralph talked to the membership about the need to have a member or two to step forward to fill the 1<sup>st</sup> VP position, and ultimately the President's position in May, 2025.

#### II. **Speaker Presentation** – Kristi Westrup introduced Michael Sands – topic – Common Pests & Fungus on Trees and Turf

#### III. **Recording Secretary** – Cynthia Gardner – Minutes of April 1, 2024 Membership meeting and the May 6, 2024 Spring Luncheon were approved as presented to the membership.

#### IV. **Officer Reports**

##### A. **President's Report**

- 1. The basket for Penny Pines was passed around and \$69.90 was collected.
- 2. We will not have a Sunset Social in September, however, we will have one each month during the season except for December.
- 3. Please visit our Plant Raffle and Event Sign Up sheet tables during the break.
- 4. Next month, October, is "Bring A Friend" month and is also "Native Plant" month. Lisa Ferrano spoke about Native Plants and ask members to bring a native plant they would like to share and asked members to volunteer in the Wildflower Meadow and the Butterfly gardens that WGC members maintain.
- 4. "Saving Endangered Florida Panthers" Presentation – October 24, 2024. We are co-sponsoring this presentation with the Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches and asked members to purchase tickets and attend.

##### B. **Treasurer Reports** – Danese Sloan-Kendall

- 1. Danese reviewed treasurer's report. Advised the IRA, 501(c)3 status and CPA reports are all completed and updated. Advised Marianne Forrest will be handling all money collected and reimbursements effective immediately.

##### C. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Kristi Westrup – advised that our speaker for October is Tom Ramiccio – Topic – Bromeliads Propagation. He will also bring bromeliads to sell.

##### E. **Corresponding Secretary** – Jan Seagrave - Asked members to advise her if they know of anyone who had surgery or is ill so that she can send a card.

#### V. **Special Committee Reports**

##### A. **Environmental Committee** – Diane Rice – Advised we have two beach cleanups this year.

The first is Saturday, September 14 and second one on September 21. Diane also talked about the FDEP plan to add golf courses, pickle ball courts, etc. at nine of the Florida State Parks. The response to stop this was tremendous and it has been delayed. She plans to write a letter to Brian Mast.

##### B. **Around & Abouts** – Kimberly Helms - September 19, 2024 Around & About is to Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, Boca Raton. She also advised we will be going to South Florida Permaculture Resource Center in WPB. Sign-up sheets are available on the center table.

- C. Newsletter** – Tina Richter – Tina advised that this is the last year she will be creating the newsletter and asked any member that may be interested to contact her. She is happy to work with them.
- D. Holiday Luncheon** – Dee Rolfe – Dee advised that she and Carol Ralph are co-chairs. Holiday Luncheon is Monday, December 2, 2024 at Wellington National Golf. The cost is \$46.00/pp. We will have Fairy Hair by Samantha, Toys for Tots, and a raffle. Dee asked members to obtain gift cards from favorite restaurants, salons, etc. Donations letters and forms are available on the sign-up table.
- E. Annual Tree Planting** – Kathy Siena – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Planting – September 28, 2024 at Rotary Peace Park, 8:30 AM - see attached report.
- F. Hospitality** – Thank you to the BOD who brought in food for our brunch today.
- H. Minute for Gardening** – Anne Hlasnicek introduced Dale Barnhart who spoke about several of his favorite plants for Butterfly gardening including Fire Bush, Milkweed, Red & White Pentas, Fire Spike, Cat Whiskers, Lantana, Salvia, Golden Dew Drop, Blue Porter Weed, Sweet Almond and Tea Bush. The best time to plant is in the fall.
- I. Marianne Forrest for Maria Wolfe** – Fall District X meeting, hosted by the Rio Lindo Garden Club in Port St. Lucie on October 28, 2024 and TSC on January 23-24, 2025 – see attached flyers.
- J. Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest** – Katherine Schneider & Selma Wang will be working with the local school children to enter this contest.
- K. TKA** – Stormi Bivin – Stormi Bivin reported on the production line up for this season – see attached flyer which is a list of those productions. Stormi explained for new members information how this is a fundraiser for WGC – we received \$5.00 for each ticket sold for all participants over the count of 25.
- L. WGC NGC Small Standard Flower Show** – May 5, 2025 – Twig Morris – Twig reported on the plans to have a flower show in conjunction with the Spring Luncheon – see attached reports for more information. Carol Ralph called for a motion to hold a small standard flower show on May 5, 2025. Ronnie LeVay made the motion and Lisa Ferrano seconded. Motion carried.
- M. NGC Environmental Course 3 – Series 4** – Twig Morris reported on the NGC courses coming up. There are two which will be held online via Zoom. She explained how they work and how much you can learn. She will have an eblast sent out later today with full details. Twig also talked about the experience of our past presidents and encouraged members to come forward and volunteer for the 1<sup>st</sup> VP position.
- N. Garden Arts & Crafts** – Carol Lazzarino – reported on the project that is planned for November 6, 2024, which is a bamboo vase for flowers – See attached photo.

#### **VI. Old Business – None**

**At this point Joann Atkins reported that the plant raffle raised \$201.00 today. Last year we raised \$1,215.00 for the WGC.**

#### **VII. New Business –**

- A. Kimberly Helms** reported on a new project for the club for participation at the membership meetings. She is requesting members to bring in native seeds or plants to exchange.
- B. NGC Youth Poetry Contest 2024** – Carol explained briefly on this project and asked for a volunteer – see attached for more information.
- C. Outing to Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium – Spring 2025** – Carol Ralph explained that this is strictly a fun outing the members. She will forward more information when she receives it.
- D. Organic Gardening Supplies** – A representative of Organic.REV advises that they are offering a 1 oz. bottle of organic fertilizer. If any member is interested, please contact them with the information provided.

**VIII. Announcements** – Stormi – Reporting that ACE Rocky's Hardware has provided free seeds again this year

**Name tag raffle** – Winners are Jackie Wheelock, Donna Dorris and Libby Dolsen.

**Adjourned** at 12:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Carol Ralph, President