

Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 2, 2025
Wellington Community Center

Attendance: JoAnn Akins, Stormi Bivin, Marianne Forrest, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Susie Stevenson, Annette Lubsen, Dee Rolfe, John Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Mimi Borowy, Carol Dima, Jan Seagrave, Kathy Siena, Cass Stryker, Linda Messina, Sera Peat.

I. Meeting Called to Order at 9:31 am

- A. A quorum was established.
- B. All cell phones were silenced

II. Officer Report

A. Recording Secretary - Minutes from November 25, 2024 were accepted as submitted.

B. President's Report - Carol Ralph

- a. There were 80 members who purchased a meal on December 2, 2024 at the Holiday Luncheon.
 - b. There won't be any Sunset Socials in January, 2025. However, the one scheduled for February 21st will be held at Carol Ralph's home from 4pm to 6pm.
 - c. The Chamber of Commerce has been posting our flyers via email at no charge. They have informed us that there will be a charge going forward of \$25 per email blast. We will call them to find out if they will take into consideration that we are a not for profit organization.
 - d. We received a certificate for the Wildflower Meadow from the National Wildlife Foundation. Carol would like to have a plaque and pole placed at the Meadow. The cost would be about \$99 plus shipping. Carol requested a show of hands. Decision was unanimous. We will have the plaque installed.
 - e. WGC has been asked to provide a gift for the raffle for the Tropical Short Course. The amount of money we should spend is still being decided. Maria Wolfe has emailed and advised all GC's in District X that we only need one gift, from the Garden Club. Kimberly Helms was suggested to create a succulent container garden.
 - f. Our domain name is wellingtongardenclub.org and we pay \$39.99 annually to Network Solutions to safeguard it, provided we maintain the account. Carol Ralph has been the sole individual on the account, leading her to believe that this arrangement wasn't ideal. Consequently, she has added Marianne Forrest and Danese Sloan-Kendall as additional account contacts, giving them access to the account and ability to change the account.
- C. Treasurer - Marianne Forrest.** See December 27, 2024 Treasurer's Report, and P&L for December 1-27, 2024, and year end P&L June 1 through December 27, 2024 which are included in the Recording Secretary files.
- a. John Siena mentioned our equity position is fairly large and he is wondering whether we would be open for liabilities for having too much equity to keep the nonprofit status. How much cushion should we maintain? WGC will look into this

in the future.

b. Carol Ralph suggests that our chairpersons review their committee needs and submit requests for additional funding to the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

c. SEEK Capital Fund Acct #6815; each year WGC budgets \$200. We have not paid out for two years. Do we plan to include this in our new budgets? Carol Ralph will ask Cynthia Craig who is chairperson.

WGC hasn't paid the Wekiva Capital Fund since 2023. We did pay \$1,100 to the Wekiva Capital Fund with an additional \$500 from The Kings Academy fundraisers. This was a donation to help rebuild the Camp Office that had burned to the ground. We also paid \$400 to the Wekiva Wish List. This information was provided by Danese Sloan-Kendall. Jan Seagrave is the Chairperson for the Wekiva Capital Fund.

d. The Penny Pines Project is now called the Plant-A-Tree program, which is run by NGC.

III. 1st Vice President - Annette Lubsen and Susie Stevenson were asked to say a few words.

IV. 2nd Vice President - Kristi Westrup was not present. Speaker for January is CJ McCartney. CJ is responsible for our grant for the Meadow. We should acknowledge that at our Membership Meeting. Jason Mackey, who owns Barefoot Orchids will be our Speaker in February.

V. Corresponding Secretary - Jan Seagrave has nothing to report.

VI. Standing Committee Reports - Our January 16 Around & About is to Tropical Bamboo Nursery and Gardens, and Excelsa Gardens Nursery in Loxahatchee. \$15 per Person was collected for lunch. Kimberly will provide lunches from Costco, Whole Foods, etc. There will also be an Around & About on February 13 to the Bamboo and Orchid Gardens in Davie.

VII. Special Committee Reports

A. Our Arbor Day Celebration is on January 17 at 11:00am at the Wildflower Meadow. Katherine Wagner-Reiss is doing an excellent job as WGC Arbor Day Chair in organizing this event. The VoW Council have received invitations, and the Boy Scouts will be present. The chosen tree is a red berry stopper. Katherine will discuss the tree during our Membership Meeting in January.

Twig Morris reported that our club recently donated \$80 to Elison senior residence Garden Club. Barbara Hadsell, a WGC member and Elison resident has created a beautiful butterfly garden there and thanks WGC for its donation. The residents of the community take care of the garden and the community is planning their own Arbor Day celebration at 2:00p on January 17. Barbara created a flyer about the celebration and we are all invited.

B. Shredding Event - Annette Lubsen and Susie Stevenson are chairing the event, And have posted information on Facebook, Town Crier, and other social media. We are paying \$150 total (\$75/hour) and we are charging \$5 for a letter size box and \$10 for a large sized box.

C. Maria Wolfe - The 68th Annual Tropical Short Course "Off the Grid". Registration Deadline is January 15. This is eligible for WGC education reimbursement. 75 people have already registered.

D. Wekiva Campers - still looking for more campers (1st through 8th grade), and

Volunteers for training to work at camp.

E. Stormi Bivin - Mardi Gras Trivia is happening on March 4, 2025 at 11:30am sharp, will conclude approximately at 1:00pm, to be held in District Room at Wellington Green. The event is priced at \$5 per person. In partnership with California Pizza Kitchen, Pizza with a Purpose, this fundraising opportunity allows WGC to receive a portion of the proceeds from the day's sales.

F. New Membership Reception - will be held at the Wellington Community Center From 9am to 12pm on February 27, 2025. Refreshments will be provided by the Board of Directors. All new members are invited, also those who have joined since March, 2024.

G. Sera Peat - WGC Polo Shirts (T-shirts are an option), and colors were discussed. Members prefer cotton. The logo is an additional \$150 charge every time the vendor is changed. Consistency in color is a good idea along with our logo. Sera is still researching prices, vendors, and colors. We will definitely make a decision on color at the next meeting.

H. Flower Show. Twig Morris reported we will be having a Small Standard Flower Show. Barbara May, in preparation for the Flower Show, will hold three floral design workshops, one on February 10. All the rest will be decided for sometime in March. Caroline Kessman will have a sign-up sheet at our Membership Meeting. Twig will send out an e-blast.

VIII. Old Business

A. Dee Rolfe - Garden Art Workshop, 9:00 am, February 5, 2025 at Wellington Community Center. Carol Lazzarino and Dee Rolfe will conduct the workshop.

B. Twig Morris. District X Flower Show Judges Council is holding a floral design fundraising event, Thursday, March 20, 10am - 1pm in Palm Beach Gardens. \$30

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 11:12am

Respectfully Submitted,
Mariclaire "Mimi" Borowy and Carol Dima
Co-Recording Secretaries