

**Wellington Garden Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 3, 2025
Wellington Community Center**

I. Welcome - Carol Ralph

Meeting Called to Order at 10:04 am

Carol Ralph reminded members that WGC is a nonprofit organization, a member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and the National Garden Club. Thus, we are required to hold member business meetings where board members and committee chairs can inform members of the Garden Club's important planned activities. Therefore, member attendance for the business portion of our meeting is requested and important.

- A.** A quorum was established.
- B.** All cell phones silenced.
- C.** All members and guests stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- D.** New members and guests were introduced by Kathy Perinoff. Guests: Marsha Kendall, Kavitha Mamuduru, Joan LuBin, Karol Stewart, Cheryl Karlo, Lori Carter, Frederic Quan, Mary Reese, Virginia McLoughlin. New member Dr. John Russo received his yearbook and pin. He will also receive a plant at next meeting.

II. Speaker Presentation - Kristi Westrup introduced Jason Mackey who spoke on "Making Orchids Simple".

III. Officer Reports

A. Recording Secretary - Minutes from the January 6, 2025 membership meeting were accepted as submitted .

B. President's Report - Carol Ralph

- a.** The basket was passed around for Coral Restoration.
- b.** There were 70 attendees total at the January 6, 2025 Membership meeting with 7 guests.
- c.** The February 21 Sunset Social will be at Carol Ralph's Garden, 15694 Citrus Grove Blvd., Loxahatchee FL, from 4pm thru 6pm all are welcome. On March 21, we will meet at Annette Lubsen's home, 1301 Brampton Cove, Wellington. There are sign up sheets for both months.
- d.** We have purchased a bronze sign "Wildlife Habitat" for Wildflower Meadow. The meadow has been certified a wildlife habitat. This one is at Greenbrier. Will Gurney, Superintendent of Landscape for VoW will install it for us.

C. Treasurer's report. Danese Sloan-Kendall. Treasurer's Report and P&L for 6/1/2024 thru 1/30/2025 is included in the Recording Secretary files.

IV. 1st Vice President

- A. Annette Lubsen. Reported on Shredding Event held Saturday January 25. WGC grossed \$1039, less \$150.00 expenses, for a profit of \$889. Great day, fun event.
- B. Susie Stevenson. Reported on baseball outing "Baseball Adventure" to be held at the Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Game starts at 12:30 pm. The Jupiter Hammerheads versus Fort Myers Mighty Muscles. \$25.00 per person for an air conditioned suite (Maximum 30 people/Minimum of 10). There is a sign-up sheet

V. Second Vice President- Kristi Westrup. Reported the speaker for March 3, 2025 is Dr. Steve Davis, "Everglades Restoration Builds Resilience for South Florida".

VI. Corresponding Secretary - Jan Seagrave. Nothing to report.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Around & Abouts - Kimberly Helms. February 13 will be to Bamboo & Orchid Gardens in Davie, Florida. The March 13 Around & About will be to the Arboretum at Constitution Park in Deerfield, Florida. April 16 A&A is to Vizcaya Museum and Gardens w/Lunch in Vizcaya Cafe. There are sign-up sheets for the Around & About on the sign-up table.
- B. Nominating Committee - Linda Messina, Chair. Has recruited Stormi Bivin, Twig Morris, and Kathy Hood to assist. All positions were filled except 1st VP. Looking for a volunteer.
- B. Newsletter - Tina Richter. Looking for a volunteer to assume the WGC Newsletter editor position.

VIII. Special Committee Reports -

- A. Floral Design Workshops. Twig Morris reported Barbara May will conduct three floral workshops in preparation for the WGC Small Standard Flower Show. Workshop dates are February 21st, March 10, and March 31. Caroline Kessman provided a sign-up sheet.
- B. WGC Small Standard Flower Show - Maria Wolfe. "All You Need is Love". WGC is presenting an NGC Small Standard Flower Show on Monday, May 5, 2025 from 2p-5p at Wellington National Golf Club. Open and free to the public, a gift to our community. Same day and place as the WGC Spring luncheon. Maria requested volunteers to help organize the flower show, and encouraged members to enter a floral design or horticulture.
- FFGC Annual Convention - Maria Wolfe. "Garden Club 101 - Back to Basics" will be held in Jacksonville, FL, April, 8-10, 2025. WGC Members are invited to register and attend. Includes installation of Christy Linke, incoming FFGC President, new District X Director, Mary Ann Cody, and installation of

incoming 3rd VP, Maria Wolfe. Includes top-notch educational programs and fun events.

- C. Arbor Day Celebration** - Annette Lubsen for Katherine Wagner-Reiss. Reported on the WGC Celebration held at the Wildflower Meadow in Greenbrier Park. News coverage in the Town Crier. Annette presented Justin Ramich a Certificate of Appreciation from the WGC for his work making the four benches for the Wildflower Meadow.
- D. Mardi Gras Trivia** - Stormi Bivin. To be held Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 11:30am sharp (arrive by 11:15am) in the District Room at the Wellington Green Mall. \$5 per person. A small fundraiser. WGC will utilize CPK's "Pizza with a Purpose" program to earn 20% of the profits for lunches purchased that day using the CPK Voucher provided for WGC.
- E. Minute for Gardening** - Anne Hlasnicek introduced Stormi Bivin who demonstrated propagating "Ti" plants (Cordylines).
- F. Meeting Plant Raffle** - JoAnn Akins. Reported sales of \$188 today. Thanked Libby for her help today.
- G. New Member Reception** - Annette Lubsen. Thursday, February 27. Approximately 20 new members, 14 Mentors, and 30 Board members will receive invitations which will go out this week.
- H. Hospitality** - Carol Ralph. Thank you to the hospitality crew and all the members who brought in food for today's meeting.

IX. New Business.

- A. Scholarships** - John Siena. The Scholarship Committee is active. WGC has provided scholarships over the years amounting to many thousands of dollars to high school seniors seeking careers in Environmental Sciences and Horticultural. Aside from academic, WGC provides funds to FFGC SEEK, and Wekiva Camperships. Information flyers are on the table with a QR code directing interested students to the website with all the information and application forms. John requested members who might know of students who would be interested, to please pass on this information.
- B. WGC Earth Day Plant Sale** - Carol Ralph. Requested member help. Plant Sale is Saturday, April 26, 10a-2p at the Wellington Amphitheater, as part of the VoW Earth Day Celebration. Competition from Mount's Spring Plant Sale the same day so bringing in Food Trucks and make it more of a carnival atmosphere to encourage people to come. A huge help would be to get a large number of member propagated plants donated which would be all profit. Also will get some plants from nurseries on a commission basis, but

will reduce that number this year since unsold plants would have to be returned. Carol asked for volunteer help at the sale that day.

X. Announcements

- A. TKA Best of Broadway** - Stormi Bivin. Collecting money and orders today. Stormi must place the ticket order by tomorrow. Broke a record for West Side Story, sold 80 tickets for a \$400 profit to WGC. Thanked members for their continued support.
- B. Floral Design Showcase** - Susan Hillson. Sponsored by the District X Florida Flower Show Judges Council. Leticia Gunn, District X 3rd VP, and Flower Show judge, is doing a series of floral designs called "Winning Ways and Fabulous Fails" March 20, 10am-1pm, at Gardens Presbyterian Church in Palm Beach Gardens. Continental Brunch will be prepared by Christine Biscoglio (WGC member).

XI. NameTag Raffle. Winners were Margaret Tamsberg, Kristi Westrup, Gigi Bard, and Evvy Bartley.

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 12:15pm

Respectfully Submitted

Mariclaire "Mimi" Borowy and Carol Dima

Co-Recording Secretaries