

**WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
FEBRUARY 23, 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

ATTENDEES: JoAnn Akins, Evvy Bartley, Stormi Bivin, Mimi Borowy, Carol Coleman, Cynthia Craig, Huguetta Damas, Carol Dima, Lisa Ferrano, Anne Hlasnicek, Annette Lubsen, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Dee Rolfe, Jan Seagrave, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Susie Stevenson, Maria Wolfe, Bobbi Ziegler, Kathy Hood

Meeting Called to Order at 9:30 am

A quorum to be established.

All cell phones silenced.

OFFICER REPORTS

Recording Secretary - Minutes from January 26, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurers Report - Danese Sloan-Kendall. Treasurers Report for 2/1/26-2/19/26 was emailed to all Directors and Committee Chairs with the meeting notice. Marianne Forrest included a note to all Directors and Committee Chairs that budget requests must be submitted to Marianne prior to March 15, for financial planning by the Finance Committee. The proposed budget will be presented for review/discussion at the March 30th Board/Committee meeting.

PRESIDENTS REPORT - Annette Lubsen and Susie Stevenson.

Annette detailed how the Board Meetings can be more efficient. Directors and Committee Chairs will be notified of the upcoming meeting ten days prior. Chairs need only to report on special events, not normal activity. Meetings should consist of any changes or motions proposed by the Committees and brought to the Board. Committee Chairs will supply a simple report of what needs to be considered or approved. Discussions during the meeting are to be kept to a minimum. One person has the floor at a time without interruptions. The President will recognize each speaker. This should result in shorter and more productive meetings and minutes.

Membership Renewals can now be submitted via Zelle to our WGC PNC account. Use email: wellingtongardenclub.org@gmail.com for Zelle. A receipt will be sent. Renewals can still be made via check or cash. An email will be sent to all members with details.

Tea Talk - The Village of Wellington is sponsoring TEA TALK for Women's History Month highlighting women in STEM, on Friday, March 13, 2026 from 2p-5p at Wellington Community Center. It is free to attend, registration is required. WGC donated \$250 toward sponsorship of this event, and \$70 for a plant to be raffled. We have a table for 10 members who want to attend.

Wekiva Volunteer Weekend - 2/6-8/26. Annette Lubsen, Maria Wolfe, Claire Valier, Katherine Wagner-Reiss, and Susan Specht attended. Maria was responsible for the weekend as FFGC 3rd VP. Next year Maria as 2nd VP will be responsible for the 6 weeks of camp.

Youth Garden Recognition - Kathy Siena. Received a letter from Palm Beach Central High School stating WGC received their Business Partnership Award. The Awards Event is 4/17/26 at 8:30 am at the Kravis Center. Reply by 3/17. John Siena and Kathy Siena are attending.

WGC Plant Sale - Will be held on 4/25/26 in conjunction with VoW Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration. Received a request from member, Barbara Hadsell, for permission to sell plants from her Elison Garden Club in our area. After discussion, a Motion was made by Kathy Siena, seconded by Susie Stevenson, that WGC accept Elison Garden Club as a Plant Sale vendor on 4/25/26 as requested by Barbara Hadsell. It is understood Elison will give WGC 10% of their proceeds. Motion Carried.

1st Vice President - Linda Messina, Nominating Committee. Twig Morris, Stormi Bivin, and Linda Messina will meet to brainstorm possible candidates. Please pass on any ideas to the Committee. Might consider two 1st VP's knowing that they would become Co-Presidents.

2nd Vice President - Robin Hummel-Johnson. It is not necessary to announce the upcoming speaker at the Board meetings since the information is in the Yearbook.

Around & About and Sunset Socials - will not be on the Board Meeting Agenda in the future since all information is in the Yearbook.

Linda Messina/Shiela Ewing - Thanked everyone who attended their Sunset Social on January 30. It was very well attended and there was an abundance of food. Everyone had a good time. It was ended at 6:15p.

External Events - Maria Wolfe FFGC 3rd Vice President. The FFGC Board will be meeting tonight (2/23/26) on Zoom and will be taking a vote on whether to pursue selling their building in Winter Park next door to the Mead Botanical Gardens. Maria is not in favor of the sale. If the Board vote passes tonight, then appointed delegates will make the final vote at the 4/15-16 Convention. Proxy votes are not allowed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Spring District X Meeting - Maria Wolfe. Meeting includes all District X garden clubs. Will be held at the Boca Raton Garden Clubhouse on 4/23/26. Register at DistrictX.org. Seating is limited. Let Annette Lubsen or Susie Stevenson know your attendance for assignment of delegates for voting.

Wellington Historical Society - Maria Wolfe. This Society strives to make sure the history of the community is not lost. Would like to suggest WGC join this organization to

form another partnership in the community where information can be shared about events and fundraisers. Maria will get back at the next meeting regarding particulars of membership. A non-profit membership is \$100.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership - Anne Hlasnicek. Met with the Finance Committee and several Chairs (some Past Presidents) regarding changing the membership fee for new members joining January and February. Received their concurrence to propose this change. Anne Hlasnicek made a Motion, seconded by Carol Coleman, to change the fee for new members joining during January and February to \$20 single member or \$30 for a couple rather than the current \$12.50. The change will be initiated June 1, 2026. Motion Carried. John Siena, Parliamentarian, stated this must be recommended to the membership with two weeks notice. President will send out an email blast to all members that the Board recommends adopting this change. At the April Member Meeting, a vote will be taken before the speaker presentation.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Garden Tour - Carol Coleman. Good response on ticket sales. A drop off in Sponsorships. Sponsorship deadline is 2/27/26 for ads to be placed in the booklet. Carol received a donation of notecards of landscape architect Olmsted New York gardens from Peggy Jacobs who suggested \$20 each for an 8 card box. These will be sold on the Garden Tour. Carol Coleman has donated 2 tents (\$100 value) to WGC that will be used for the Garden Tour. Twig Morris announced the second release of publicity for the Garden Tour.

OLD BUSINESS

St. Patrick's Day Trivia - Stormi Bivin. Encouraged all to attend on 3/3/26 at Wellington Mall District Room. Entry fee is \$5 per person. Working with California Pizza Kitchen again using their Pizza with a Purpose program. There will be a flyer to use so WGC can earn their percentage reimbursement for all food purchased with the flyer that day.

NEW BUSINESS

Annette reminded directors to make sure to check their emails regularly. There is a lot of information being sent out all the time.

Spring Luncheon - Dee Rolfe. Wellington National Golf Club, 5/4/26, 11:00a-2:30p. We have new people to work with again this year, including a new chef. Trying to keep the costs down. They are charging us \$125 this year for the Bartender which we may eliminate (it was comped last year). They charge 3% for credit card. Charging us \$125 for Liability Insurance. Danese Sloan-Kendall suggested that our WGC insurance should satisfy that requirement. The \$500 deposit will be a credit on the final bill. We are up to a charge of \$50 per person. The theme this year will be the Oscars.

Donation of 2 Garden Tour Tickets - Stormi Bivin made a Motion, seconded by Maria Wolfe that WGC provide 2 Tickets for this year's Garden Tour to Cresswind Women's Club, one in exchange for the \$70 received from CWC TKA ticket purchase proceeds

and one additional ticket for a total value of \$120. Motion Carried. This would be a donation from WGC. Cresswind Womens Club is holding a fundraising dinner on 3/14. There will be a Garden Enthusiast Raffle Basket and the tickets will be included in that basket. Cresswind Womens Club had purchased 15 TKA tickets (of the 51 sold) providing \$70 proceeds to WGC.

Twig Morris suggested that Board members consider showing support for this Garden Tour by making a financial donation/sponsorship which is typically expected of board members of other organization even non-profit organizations. Jan Seagrave opposed that idea since board members are already very involved in making things happen for the club and already donate much time and effort for the club. This is a personal decision.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am

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



Mariclaire Borowy <mimiborowy@gmail.com>

2/23/2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes with 3/30/26 Correction - Final PDF and Final Pages

1 message

Mariclaire Borowy <mimiborowy@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 30, 2026 at 6:38 PM

To: Annette Lubsen <alubsen@bellsouth.net>, Susie Stevenson <marysusanstevenson@yahoo.com>

Cc: CAROL DIMA <cdqu@aol.com>

Hi Annette and Susie,

I have made the correction to the Minutes as suggested today by Marianne Forrest regarding the \$500 deposit for the Spring Luncheon.

Attached are the revised PDF and Pages version for your file, and I will also include with the Recording Secretary permanent files.

Thanks so much!!

Mimi

2 attachments

 **MBB - WGC 2:23:26 BoD Meeting Minutes Final Corrected Version Pages.pages**
343K

 **MBB - WGC 2:23:26 BoD Meeting Minutes Corrected FINAL PDF.pdf**
74K

Wellington Garden Club
***Preliminary* Treasurer's Report - February 1- February 19, 2026**

Income between Feb. 1st – Feb. 19th is \$3,029.40

Income for February 2026 (to date) is attributed to:

Membership Renewals:

- Receipt of Membership Renewal 2026/27 Dues (\$702.50)
- Receipt of Zelle Membership Renewal 2026/27 Dues (\$110)

Garden Tour:

- Garden Tour Advertisement Proceeds (\$600); since 1/1/26 \$1,350 collected
- Garden Tour Advance Ticket Sales (\$781.30); since 1/1/26 \$1,599.95 collected
- Garden Tour Sponsors (\$250); since 1/1/26 \$1,850 collected

Other:

- Wekiva Campership Income - Parents' Portion (\$280)
- Floral Design Series Registration Fees (\$125)
- Garden Art Workshop Registration Fee (\$60)
- February Membership Meeting Plant Raffle (\$53)
- Membership Basket Donations to Coral Restoration Foundation (\$67.60)

Expenses between Feb. 1st – Feb. 19th is \$3,927.97

Expenses incurred in February 2026 (to date) are attributed to:

- Purchase of King's Academy Group "Guys & Dolls" Tickets (\$1,657)
- 7 Sponsored Wekiva Campers w 5 Volunteers (\$1,620)
- Purchase of Floral Design Series Supplies (\$202.77)
- Purchase of Garden Art Supplies (\$121.90)
- FFGC Convention Ad (\$100)
- Member Education Reimbursements (\$95)
- Hospitality Beverages/Supplies (\$62.35)
- Storage Unit Fee for February 2026 (\$55.95)
- Correspondence & Mailchimp Expenses (\$13)

See the attached Profit & Loss reports: 1) February 2026 (2/1/26-2/19/26) & 2) Fiscal Year to Date (6/1/25-2/19/26) for additional details.

Checking Account Balance (as of 2/19/2026): \$36,458.75

SPECIAL NOTE TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND BOARD MEMBERS

It's that time of year to direct our attention to financial planning for the upcoming fiscal year (June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027). As such, **please submit your Budget Request to Marianne prior to Sunday, March 15th**. With input from the Finance Committee, the proposed budget will be presented for review/discussion at the Monday, March 30th Board/Committee meeting. Call Marianne Forrest with any questions.

Marianne Forrest
Treasurer
561-329-3734

Danese Sloan-Kendall
Asst. Treasurer

**Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 23, 2026 – 9:30am
Wellington Community Center**

- I. Meeting Called to Order**
 - A. A quorum to be established
 - B. All cell phones to be silenced

- II. Officer Reports**
 - A. Recording Secretary** – Minutes from January 26, 2026, BOD meeting submitted for approval.
 - B. Treasurer** - Treasurer's Reports
 - C. President's Report:**
 - 1. Membership Renewal with Zelle
 - 2. Tea Talk – Village of Wellington - donation
 - 3. Wekiva Volunteer Weekend
 - 4. Youth Garden Recognition
 - 5. Plant Sale/ April 25, 2026/ Barbara Hadsell vendor?
 - D. 1st Vice President** – Nominating Committee
 - E. 2nd Vice President** –Robin Hummel-Johnson – Speaker for member meeting, March 2nd Dr. Kimberly Moore: "Turn off your Sprinklers, Your Plants Aren't that Thirsty"
 - F. External Events Liaison - Maria Wolfe 3rd VP FFGC**
 - 1. Sale of FFGC Building
 - 2. FFGC Convention (State Flower Show) April 14-17, 2026
 - 3. FFGC District X Meeting April 23, 2026
 - 4. Wellington Historical Society

- III. Standing Committee Reports**
 - A. Anne Hlasnicek** –
 - 1. New Member orientation
 - 2. Membership dues

- IV. Special Committee Reports**
 - A. Carol Ralph** -Garden Tour

- V. Old Business**

- VII. New Business**

- VIII. Announcements**

- IV. Adjourn**



Women's History Month TEA TALK

Friday, March 13, 2026 | 2 PM – 5 PM

Wellington Community Center | 12150 Forest Hill Blvd.

This year's Women's History Month "Tea Talk" highlights women in STEM. To celebrate women in our community, a curated group of speakers will share their journeys—how they chose their careers, the obstacles they overcame, and the paths that led them to where they are today.

Join us for thoughtful conversation paired with traditional afternoon tea and light bites.

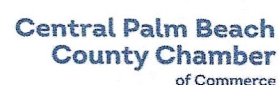
Connect with other women and discover valuable resources in your community. Leave feeling reassured, encouraged, and inspired.

Raffle benefitting Women of Tomorrow

Participate in a raffle benefitting Women of Tomorrow, whose mission is to inspire, motivate, and empower at-risk young women to live up to their full potential through a unique group mentoring program with highly accomplished professional women and scholarship opportunities.



FREE to attend – registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up.



We recognize that everyone in this room is a “Doer “or you probably wouldn’t be at this meeting...

You all have other outside obligations and commitments...church, other organizations, family, children, appointments, social activities, etc

So I’m sure that no one got up this morning and thought...I have nothing to do today, so I’m glad I have a garden club board meeting.

So having clarified that, we would like to make our board meetings informative YET efficient.

Chairs don’t need to report their normal activity to the board . EXCEPT FOR A SPECIAL EVENT is garden tour

Our meetings should consist of any changes or motions proposed by the committees and brought to the board.

How do we do this...

We will continue to send out a board meeting reminder about 10 days before the meeting.

1. Committee chairs will notify us if there is something we need to approve or consider and respond with a simple report of what they are reporting and requesting.
2. During meetings, discussions are at a minimum & one person at a time has the floor without interruptions. The chair will recognize each speaker.

By doing this ...it is a win win for everyone

meetings + the meeting minutes are
Shorter

It's Time for Action – Renew Your Membership Now

What an exciting year we have had as Wellington Garden Club (WGC) members!

The program speakers have been informative and engaging, classes in Floral Design have inspired us, the fundraisers and volunteer events have been meaningful and fun, and access to the FFGC Gardening and Environment Schools have deepened our expertise.

While there are many more events on the horizon, including our Garden Inspirations – A Garden Tour, it's also time to look ahead to the upcoming 2026/27 season. Membership dues for the 2026/27 Wellington Garden Club fiscal year remain unchanged:

- \$45 for an individual

- \$65 for a couple

Your WGC Board is thrilled to share that you have multiple options for renewing your WGC Membership... all while ensuring your spot in the Directory. **Choose the payment option below that is most convenient for you:**

1. Pay with ZELLE® to: WellingtonGardenClub.org@gmail.com

See Marianne, if you have questions on how to make a ZELLE® payment using your bank's App.

2. Pay with a CHECK made out to: **Wellington Garden Club**

Give your check to Anne Hlasnicek at a Membership Meeting – OR – Mail it to:

Margaret Tamsberg
WGC Membership Data Manager
121 Sulky Way
Wellington, FL 33414

3. Pay with CASH at the Membership Meeting

All payments are to be received by Monday, April 6th.

Exciting "Zelle Experiment"

Note from
Marianne

(Zelle)

From: Marianne Forrest (marianne.forrest@aol.com)

To: alubsen@bellsouth.net; marysusanstevenson@yahoo.com

Cc: ideasmith@comcast.net; tamsberg@bellsouth.net; caroltaylorralph@gmail.com

Date: Monday, February 9, 2026 at 08:54 PM EST

Annette and Susie,

We're pleased to let you know that with Danese's and Carol's support, we've successfully set-up the Wellington Garden Club's PNC checking account to accept Zelle payments. I even tested it by paying for my renewal with Zelle.

During this Wednesday's Membership Renewal planning meeting, we'd like to flesh out the process for advising members on the renewal payment options (cash, check, & Zelle), coordinating Membership and Treasury updates, how we think it will affect our respective processes/ documentation, and concerns we may have.

I gave an update to Anne this evening. Feel free to share this email with those invited to Wednesday's meeting. Please do NOT share this with other members until we've crafted the details and have clarity among ourselves.

Thanks!
Marianne

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse brevity, incorrect grammar, &/or misspellings. Thx

discuss attached letter
to be sent to membership
this week separately

We dont want to send
a membership letter +
attachments

2/23/2026

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Stacy Bivin

(Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Maria Wolfe

(Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

I move that WGC provide 2 tickets for this year's garden tour to Cresswind Women's Club, one in exchange for the \$40 ^{that} received from CWC ticket proceeds & one additional one (total value \$120).

Motion Carried

2/23/26

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Kathy Sierra

(Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Susie Stevenson

(Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

I make a motion that we accept Ellison Garden Club as a plant sale vendor on ~~agave~~ 2/25/26 by the as requested by Barbara Haddsell. It is understood Ellison will give us 10% of their proceeds. The

Motion Carried

2/23/2026

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Anne Masnick - membership chair (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Carol Colcoan (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

change the fee for new members joining
during January + February - pay
\$20. - per single member or \$30.00 for
a couple rather than the current
\$12.50 - Change to be initiated the
first meeting in Sept and listed in
the 26-27 directory. handbook. June 1st 2026
motion carried

Carol
mini

Dec Rolfe Feb 23
- WGC Board Meeting -

Spring Luncheon
May 4 - 11:00 - 2:30 Monday
Venue - Wellington National Golf Club
Cost?

Foods

Baby Greens Salad
Lemon & Herb Roasted Chicken
Pan Seared Salmon

Vegetarian

Wild Mushroom Ravioli
Whipped Potatoes
Roasted Broccoli
Baked & Better Tea, Coffee

Dessert

Key Lime Tartlet
Cash Bar & 3% credit card charge

Sign Up Sheet at General Meeting
March 2 w/ Price