**Wellington Garden Club**
**3/30/2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**
**Wellington Community Center**

**Attendees:** JoAnn Akins, Evvy Bartley, Stormi Bivin, Mimi Borowy, Cynthia Craig, Carol Dima, Lisa Ferrano, Marianne Forrest, Kimberly Helms, Anne Hlasnicek, Annette Lubsen, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Dee Rolfe, Jan Seagrave, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Susie Stevenson, Maria Wolfe, Kathy Hood,

**Meeting Called to Order at 9:35am**
A quorum was established.
All cell phones were silenced.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS**
**Recording Secretary** - Minutes from the 2/26/26 BoD Meeting were approved as corrected.
**Treasurer Report** - Marianne Forrest. Preliminary Treasurers Reports for March 1 - March 29, 2026 and the Proposed Budget for 2026-2027, prepared by the Finance Committee, was presented. No motion is required for Board approval since it came out of Committee. The Proposed Budget for 2026-2027 was reviewed and approved unanimously by the Board. Key updates include increases for Luncheon budget, Scholarship, and corrected line items. Budget will be presented at the Spring Luncheon for member vote.

**PRESIDENTS' REPORTS**
**Tea Talk Event (Village of Wellington)** - Discussion regarding a budget increase from $250 to $700 to VoW for WGC to be a sponsor for the event, even though attendance is free of charge. The VoW provides WGC many amenities throughout the year at no charge. This is an opportunity to invite people as a thank you for what they have done for the club during the year. WGC was recognized at the event, and for donating a beautiful planter basket that was raffled off. Being a sponsor for the Tea Talk can also be good advertising for the club, with exposure to the community, and attract new members.
**Garden Tour Report** - Carol Ralph. A full report will be forthcoming. Net profit was $13,212.86 (Sponsors $3,150) $8,000 was budgeted because there was a $5,000 donation from one individual in the past. Budget should be reduced accordingly. Total ticket sales $3,780, advertisers $2,975, raffle for the ride was $360, 50/50 earned $118, vendors at 10% was $335, Dee Rolfe donated 100% of her vendor sales. Suggest next time we sell raffle tickets at 3 for $5 rather than $1 per ticket which brings in more money. A good combination of manicured gardens, natural gardens, and the barn. Strong participation and positive feedback was received. Good job done by the Chairs Carol Ralph and Carol Coleman, Twig Morris (Publicity), Kathy Siena (Facebook), and all volunteers. Carol Ralph requested that the advertisers receive a copy of the garden tour booklet. Also, we did gain a new member as a result of the garden tour.

**Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser** - Annette Lubsen. April 9 from 5-8pm at the 8865 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach location with 10% of total food purchases (when flyer is presented) coming back to WGC. Request placing flyers at the membership table, the name tag table, and the plant raffle table, and members should distribute flyers wherever they can.

**Wellington Historical Society** - Susie Stevenson. Maria Wolfe had proposed a partnership with Wellington Historical Society with a $100 membership. This would allow WGC members to attend the Historical Society events and pay a member fee, and work on their projects. Annette and Susie do not feel we should move forward with this and sign a partnership agreement with them at this time. This could be entertained at another time.

**Sunset Social at Anne Hlasnicek's home** - Susie Stevenson. Held on March 20. A very nice social event with beautiful gardens of mature plants and trees. Members brought food items to share, socialized, and enjoyed the wonderful gardens. Sunset Socials provide a relaxing time which doesn't involve fundraising.

**Around and About** - Kimberly Helms. Have noticed that participation has not been going very well this year. Not sure why. Thinking of providing an Around & About Suggestion Box at the next member meeting for members to suggest places to visit for the coming year. April 16th the outing is to South Florida Permaculture Resource Center. Information is in the Yearbook.

**Nominating Committee** - Linda Messina. Still looking for a 1st Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. Will be announcing this need at the member meeting.

**External Events** - Maria Wolfe, FFGC 3rd VP. Updated regarding the sale of the FFGC Headquarters Building in Winter Park, FL. The FFGC Board agreed that the Committee could move forward to explore the selling of our building, but nothing will be voted on at this upcoming FFGC Convention. Maria will keep us informed as this develops.

**FFGC Convention and State Flower Show -** Maria Wolfe. April 14-17 in Kissimmee, FL. Need horticulture entries. Schedule should be reviewed for what is acceptable for entry.

**Spring District X Meeting** - Maria Wolfe. April 23 at the Boca Raton Garden Clubhouse. For all District X Garden Clubs. Ticket price is $45. Seating is limited. Register on the DistrictX.org website.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Spring Luncheon** - Dee Rolfe. All arrangements are almost complete for "Day at the Oscars", on May 4th at Wellington National Golf Club. Ticket price is $50. Will have a 50/50 Raffle. Ten members will dress up as movie stars for a game to guess what movie they were in. Samantha, Fairy Hair lady, will be there. Sign up sheet on the table at the Member Meeting. Signup deadline is April 23.

**Plant Sale** - Linda Messina for Huguette Damas. Will be on April 25 from 10-2p in conjunction with VoW Arbor Day celebration. Visited many nurseries for plants and may need help to transport the plants to the sale. Members are donating plants. Only have two vendors. VoW prepared a flyer that we can print and distribute. Twig Morris is handling the advertising. Volunteers should arrive at 8am to help set up.

**Memorial Park Bench** - Jan Seagrave. Susie Stevenson requested Jan chair the committee for the purpose of presenting the idea to the Board of Directors to provide a meaningful way to commemorate members who have passed away. Committee Members are John Siena, Kimberly Helms, and Jan Seagrave. The bench would be made of recycled materials, and provide a functional seating area. VoW has agreed to install the bench at no cost to WGC. The Committee recommends that plaques would be provided for members of ten years or longer and who have served on various committees. The Committee is researching and obtaining cost estimates for benches and for the engraved plaques. This idea will be mentioned at the Member Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Awards Project Update** - Susie Stevenson. The framing is finished but cannot be installed on the wall yet until the History of Wellington recognition is completed.

**NEW BUSINESS** - John Siena. Suggested that, in preparation for the new Yearbook, a subcommittee be established to review to see what other organizations have events that conflict on the calendar with WGC events. Per Carol Ralph, the Yearbook Committee does research as much as possible for any calendar conflicts.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**National Garden Week** - Twig Morris. Will announce at the Member Meeting that National Garden Week is the first week in June.

**Membership** - Marianne Forrest. Cautioned that there are only 65 membership renewals at this time. A reminder email to all members will be sent out. Kimberly Helms and Carol Dima offered to help at the Member Meeting to identify and remind members who have not yet renewed their membership.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:25am**

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

**Wellington Garden Club**
**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**
**Monday, March 30, 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 February 23, 2026 BOD meeting submitted for approval.
- **B. Treasurer** – Marianne Forrest, Treasurer's Reports and Proposed budget for 2026-27

**C. President's Report**:
1. Tea Talk – Village of Wellington – donation
2. ~~Proposed amendment to Articles of Association~~ deleted
3. Garden Tour
4. Fundraiser – April 9th Texas Roadhouse
5. Wellington Historical Society
6. Sunset Social – Anne Hlasnicek's house
7. Around & About- April 16th, South Florida Permaculture Resource Center

**D. Nominating Committee –** Vacancy for 1st VP and Corresponding Secretary

**E. 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, 2

**III. Standing Committee Reports**

**IV. Special Committee Reports**
- **A. Carol Ralph** -Garden Tour
- **B. Dee Rolph –** Spring Luncheon
- **C. Jan Seagrave –** Memorial Suggestions/Bobbi Ziegler

**IV. Old Business-**
- A. **Susie Stevenson –** Awards Project update

**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Announcements**

A. **Adjourn**

3/30/26 BofD Meeting

# Board Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order** – TIME ? 9:35AM

The meeting was called to order. Members confirmed receipt of the agenda and communications. Email issues have been resolved.

### Approval of Previous Minutes (February 26)

Correction noted: The $500 Spring Luncheon deposit is not refundable but applied toward the balance. Minutes approved as corrected.

### Treasurer's Report

Income: $14,331.60. Expenses: $2,833.57. Estimated remaining fiscal year expenses: $16,000. Report accepted.

### Budget Review

Budget prepared by Finance Committee. Key updates include increased luncheon budget, scholarship adjustments, and corrected line items. Budget approved.

### Garden Tour

Preliminary net profit: approximately $13,200. Strong participation and positive feedback. Final report pending.

### Spring Luncheon

Date: May 4. Location: Wellington National. Cost: $50. Theme: A Day at the Oscars. Activities include raffle and themed entertainment.

### Fundraiser – Texas Roadhouse

Scheduled April 9 (5–8 PM). 10% of proceeds benefit the club. Members encouraged to attend and promote.

### Membership Update

Approximately 65 of 162 members have renewed. Additional outreach efforts planned before deadline.

### Memorial Bench Project

Proposal approved. Bench will honor past members. Engraving costs vary. Clarifications pending on donations.

### Plant Sale

Scheduled April 25. Volunteers needed. Mix of vendor and member-grown plants. Advertising underway.

### Around & About

Attendance low; suggestion box to gather ideas for next year.

### Partnership Proposal

Historical Society proposal declined due to financial and operational commitments.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.

Board Meeting

Dee Rolfe

Spring Luncheon

Date - May 4

Time - 11:00 - 2:30

Where - Wellington National

Cost - $50 - To WGC

Them - "A Day at the Oscars"

Everyone Dress in your favorite star in your favorite movie

we are going to have games,

- Movie Game also 50-50 -

- Samathia the fairy hair lady will be there

Please sign the sign up sheet even if you Don't have you ck you can mail it to me later,

# A "Day" At The Oscars

*Wellington Garden Club Spring Luncheon*
*Monday May 4th, 2026*
*11:00am – 2:30pm*
*Wellington National Golf Club*
*400 Binks Forest Dr*
*Wellington Florida 33414*

*Menu Choices*

*Baby Green Salad*
*Pan Seared Salmon*
*Lemon+Herb Roasted Chicken*
*Wild Mushroom Ravioli (Vegetarian)*
*Key Lime Tartlet for Desert*

*$50 per person*

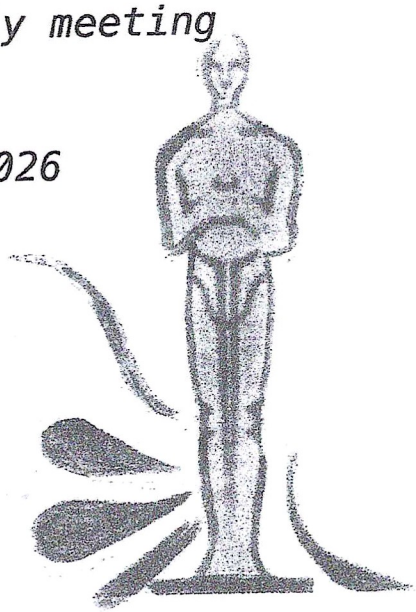
*Sorry No Cash Bar this year*

*Send checks payable to Wellington Garden Club:*

*Dee Rolfe*
*13542 La Mirada Circle Wellington, Florida 33414*
*Or*
*Bring your check or cash to the monthly meeting*

*ABSOLUTE DEADLINE APRIL 23rd, 2026*





I was asked by Susie Stephenson to chair a committee for the purpose of presenting to the Board of Directors a suggestion for commentating members who have passed away. The members of the committee are John Siena, Kim Helms and Jan Seagrave.

This report outlines the proposal, purpose and considerations for installing a memorial park bench within the garden club's designated green space.The bench will serve as both a functional seating area and a commemorative feature honoring individuals who have contributed to the garden club.

The memorial bench is intended to: provide a peaceful place for visitors to sit and enjoy the garden surroundings and honor past members.

The bench would be made of recycled materials. The Village of Wellington has agreed to install the bench at no cost to our Club.

A plaque should be placed on the center back of the bench inscribed with the Wellington Garden Club In Memory of.... As members pass, a plaque would be engraved with their name, and date of member years of service.

As a suggestion, the committee recommends that individuals would be honored if they have been a member for ten years or longer and have served on various committees.

The installation of a memorial park bench offers a meaningful way to honor individuals.

Submitted by: Jan Seagrave

**From:** Janet Seagrave jflygirl@bellsouth.net
**Subject:** Re: Bench slab
**Date:** Nov 24, 2025 at 7:45:46 AM
**To:** Michelle Garvey Mgarvey@wellingtonfl.gov

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**Dear Michelle,**

**You are a miracle worker. You are amazing. Thank you for all you do for the Wellington Garden Club. If you ever need us to do anything for you consider it done!**

**Happy thanksgiving to you as well.**

**Thanks again,**

**Jan Seagrave**
**Sent from my iPhone**

> On Nov 24, 2025, at 6:31 AM, Michelle Garvey <Mgarvey@wellingtonfl.gov> wrote:
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> Good Morning Jan,
> I have GREAT news…our PW department said no problem- we will install it and supply the slab for it to sit on 😊. I just reached out when I got to work and they immediately responded. Have a great Thanksgiving and just let us know once the bench arrives.
>
> Thank you,
>
> Michelle Garvey

From: **Monica Trevarthen**
monica@internationalbronze.com
Subject: **Aluminum Plaque Price Quote Seagrave, Jan**
Date: **Mar 26, 2026 at 9:12:39 AM**
To: **jflygirl@bellsouth.net**

Thank you for your interest in our products!

The price for a standard 8" X 2" aluminum plaque is **$215.00** before any applicable sales tax (FL, NJ, & PA). Shipping and standard hardware is INCLUDED in the price within the Continental US.

Currently our manufacturing time for a plaque this size is approximately 6 - 8 weeks.

**If you would like to see a proposed computer rendering of this plaque, please let me know and your request will be handled by the next available graphic artist.**

You can make any changes you like to the initial drawing.

If you have not received your rendering/quote within 24-48 hours, please notify me immediately and I will resend it to you.

Thanks!

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**Monica Trevarthen**
**International Bronze Plaque Co., Inc.**
**17031 Alico Commerce Court #3**
**Fort Myers, FL 33967**
**O: 516-248-3080 x 103**

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**5 - 8PM**

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**8865 SOUTHERN BLVD., BUILDING E**
**WEST PALM BEACH, FL**

## 10%
## DONATION NIGHT

Support The Wellington Garden Club by presenting this flyer to the West Palm Beach, FL location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to The Wellington Garden Club!

Come in for a night of fun with family and friends to support The Wellington Garden Club. Please present this flyer to your server.



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## Wellington Garden Club

## *Preliminary* Treasurer's Report - March 1- March 29, 2026

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**Income** between March 1st – March 29th is **$14,331.56.** It is attributed to:

| Garden Tour: | Other: |
|---|---|
| • Ticket Sales ($6,263.82); since 1/1/26 $7,921.42 collected<br>• Sponsors ($1,300); since 1/1/26 $3,150 collected<br>• Advertisement Proceeds ($1275); since 1/1/26 $2,625 collected<br>• Raffle Tickets ($551.99); since 1/1/26 $621.99<br>• Vendors ($335)<br>• Boutique ($60)<br>• Donations ($13) | • Receipt of Membership Renewal 2026/27 Dues ($2,045)<br>• Kings Academy Night of Jazz Performance Tickets ($888)<br>• Donations in Memory of Bobbi Zieglar ($193 of which $50 is earmarked for Scholarships)<br>• February Membership Meeting Plant Raffle ($169)<br>• St. Patrick's Trivia Event ($160)<br>• Floral Design Series Registration Fees ($100)<br>• Membership Basket Donations to FL Oceanographic Society ($77.75)<br>• Spring Luncheon Reservations ($900) |

**Expenses** between March 1st – March 29th is **$2,833.57**. It is attributed to:

| Garden Tour: | Other: |
|---|---|
| • Program Printing ($457.40<br>• Publicity (Town Crier $300)<br>• Misc. Expenses ($209.74)<br>• Refreshments ($32.38) | • King's Academy Group "Night of Jazz" Tickets ($736)<br>• Floral Design Series Supplies ($271.50)<br>• Annual Website Hosting Fee ($210)<br>• Member Education Reimbursement Requests ($147.50)<br>• St. Patrick's Trivia Event ($125.32))<br>• FL Oceanographic Society (March Basket Donations $77.75)<br>• VoW Tea Talk Sponsorship Raffle Item ($69.55)<br>• Coral Restoration Foundation (Feb Basket Donations $67.60)<br>• Storage Unit Fee for March 2026 ($55.95)<br>• Refund Duplicate Membership Renewal ($45)<br>• MailChip & Private Email Service Fee ($27.88) |

See the attached Profit & Loss reports: 1) March 2026 (3/1/26-3/29/26) & 2) Fiscal Year to Date (6/1/25-3/31/26) for additional details.

**PNC Checking Account Balance** (as of 3/29/2026)**: $48,658.10**

*Note: While our checking account balance may appear overfunded, the majority of our budgeted expenditures occur between March 1st and May 31st. The bi-annual Garden Tour is our largest fundraiser; its net proceeds are expected to span two fiscal years.*

**Estimated FY25/26 Remaining Budgeted Expenses: $16,000**

Marianne Forrest
Treasurer

Danese Sloan-Kendall
Asst. Treasurer