

**WILLIAMSTOWN GARDEN CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 17, 2024 3:00 pm
Wright home**

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Maria called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.
- B. CONFIRM QUORUM: A quorum was present: Maria Siskind, Elaine Neely, Betty Iannitelli, Carol Oshinsky, Margo Melito, Joan Wright, Susan Montiel, Karen Parker. Kathy McKnight and Pat Wilk were excused.
- C. APPROVE MINUTES
 - 1.) Minutes from the March 28, 2024 Board meeting were approved without amendment.
- D. 2024/2025 BUDGET DISCUSSION:
 - 1.) Susan Montiel (Finance Chair) led discussion of the 2024/2025 draft budget proposal and income estimates prepared by the Finance Committee (Montiel, Oshinsky, Pellegrini, Parker). All board members were asked to submit their proposed budget for the upcoming year. Club income and expense records since 2017 were consulted. Overall, the committee recommends a somewhat more generous budget for the upcoming year; recommendations reflect a desire to spend more boldly on civic beautification, especially with increased costs for materials. The consensus of the committee, after consulting with several members, is that we do not need to skimp on our containers and perennials. “We want wow factor” was the sentiment expressed to the committee.
 - 2.) Board discussion recommended moderately increased spending in the following areas: Annuals and Field Park. Significantly increased spending was recommended for Sally Tenney Osborne Garden, Equipment, and Donations and Gifts. STO needs sound-mitigation plantings, replacement of older shrubs and birch tree trimming and possible expenditure on labor. Donations and gifts will include up to \$2,000 additional for a bench along the walking trail and a \$500 gift to the library in honor of its 150th anniversary. We need a battery powered hedge trimmer and a weed whacker. Holiday Luncheon budget remained at 2023 level in case we do not use the Faculty Club and to allow for a tip if we do use it.
 - 3.) The Board approved the revised 2024/2025 budget by unanimous vote.
 - 4.) There is a now a form (soon to be available on WGC website) which must be submitted with each individual receipt. It includes the complete list of budget categories. Purchasers: Please study the budget categories carefully and align your receipts with the proper category for better tracking and budgeting.

E. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Suggestions for containers: Use the same color palette throughout all containers so they are identifiably WGC, research nurseries that can provide the plant material we order, design a more significant “thriller”, order somewhat more established plants, provide a planting diagram for volunteers’ pots (location and ID of the thriller/spillers/fillers)
- b. Must establish a nominating committee now to prepare for Annual Meeting; Maria and Karen Parker to address this need.
- c. Consideration was given to protocol that VP serve as programs committee head in the future to promote smooth transition.

G: NEXT BOARD MEETING: (TBD)

H: ADJOURNMENT: 4:55 pm

Submitted for Pat Wilk by Karen Parker