

WCGC BOARD MINUTES



When: Jan 2, 2025 7:00 pm

Where: Roberta's house

Attendees 8/9

- Michelle Bruce Donnaleen Bowns Monica Reinkens Jeff Holland
 Sandra Gray Barb Mysko Roberta Ekberg Chuck Brumwell
 Janine Heinrich

Approvals

- 1) Adoption of Agenda (additions/corrections) M/S Barb/Janine Carried
- 2) Adoption of previous minutes M/S Chuck/Roberta Carried
- 3) Adoption of AGM minutes M/S Roberta/Sandra Carried
- 4) Budget / Financial Update M/S Monica/Chuck Carried

President/Vice President Reports

President's Report:

-Welcome to Janine and returning board members

-Mandate : to educate the members on matters related to gardening, and to promote a love of gardening in the community.

The plant sale gave us the opportunity to talk to other gardeners as well as provided recruitment opportunities. Michelle also expressed her wish to explore food security opportunities.

Communication: Email Reminder to change subject line when starting a conversation on a new topic.

Question: Can attachments be located using a doc sharing app such as 1 Drive, Google Drive or Drop Box to make locating attachments easier? It would also be more secure for files. Chuck will look into an organized central portal.

Email addresses. The club has 3 email addresses with different usages:

- 1) [wgc2011@gmail.com](mailto:wcg2011@gmail.com) – appears from White City Garden Club - the secretary's email and to receive e-transfers to the club account.
- 2) wgc.communications@gmail.com – appears from Communications White City Garden Club used by Communications
- 3) communications@whitecitygardenclub.ca - for information inquiries

VP's Report – Membership and Attendance

2024 averaged: 27 members/session

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2-4 walk-ins per non workshop learning session

16 walk-ins for succulent workshop

We currently have 68 Paid memberships (2023 had 67). Highest pre-covid membership was about 80 people

Educational Sessions

- 5) Review of last month's session
 - a) AGM Nov 20, 2024 & holiday catered meal
 - i) Business was quick and the meal was good quality and well received
 - ii) Suggestion: have takeout containers or have members bring containers from home so any extras are not wasted.
- 6) Next educational session
 - a) Jan 8 – Maintaining Garden Fitness (Host: Barb)
 - i) Presenter is Derek Bisaro a physiotherapist from Stapleford and a new resident to WC
 - ii) Required equipment: Wheelbarrow (Michelle may have one) , shovels (Barb), and milk crates (Chuck has 2 or 3)
 - iii) Monica and Donnaleen will do door and door prize draw
 - iv) Maureen Howell will purchase door prize
 - v) Chuck will print more name tags

Review of previous motions

- 7) No Motions at this time.

New Business

- 8) Dissolve cookbook committee M/S Michelle, Monica Carried
- 9) Community Board on new website (ie member post plants to give away)
Chuck communicated with webmaster. Cost would be over \$3000. Group decided that was too expensive especially since we are unsure whether members will actually use it. Decision: A Sharing table will be set up each meeting. Sandra will make a poster for the table.
- 10) Unclaimed Co-op gift cards (by volunteers)
We will check at the next meeting if anyone has the contact information for remainder of thankyou cards.
-Discussion about what to do with the remaining gift cards. Michele will determine how many gift cards we have left.

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11) Change signatories on bank account

Motion was made to change signatories on the bank account to reflect the election results at 2024 AGM. M/S Barb, Janine Carried

Committee Reports

Program

2025 Program complete

-program needs to be confirmed so program cards can be made to be distributed at Jan.

Education meeting

Bus Tour

No updates

Communications

no updates

Flowerbed/Holiday Planters

Holiday Planters: 12 volunteers created 8 planters: 2 at WC Community Center, 1 at WC Town office, 2 at WC Post Office, 3 at RM Office

-Budget was \$250. Spent \$254.

-Thanks to WC and RM maintenance crews who picked up supplies and planters and put them in place.

-Planters will need to be picked up within the next 2 weeks. Roberta will ask maintenance crews.

Flowerbeds:

-Sherwood Greenhouse – supplier. Estimate ~10% higher price than last year.

-going with Edible Garden theme with edibles mixed in with the flowers

RM update: RM will purchase a tank for fertilizers and a tank for remote watering. They will also purchase 10 new planters. Locations: Woods Crescent Park, Williams Albert House playground, and along pathways

WC update: 5 new planters will be added

Adopt a Planter program will be established. Adoption would include volunteers being assigned planters to plant in the spring, monitor throughout the summer and then pull out plants at the end of the season. Committee is still working on the details.

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Hospitality

New Chair is required. Barb Mysko and Janine Heinrich will fill the roll. Maureen Howell will purchase door prizes.

Plant Sale - No Update

Next Meeting – Feb 5

Location: Michelle's house

Secretary: Chuck

Adjournment – 8:52

2025

Program

	Topic	Speaker	Host
Jan 8	Maintaining Garden Fitness	Derek Bisaro	Barb
Feb 12	Gardening "Musical Chairs"	6 members	Jeff
Mar 12	Cut Flower Gardens	Paper White	Roberta
Apr 9	Irrigation as a Time Saver	Jeff and Bob	Jeff
May 14	Lawn Alternatives	Carmen Liebel	Joy
June 11	30 Years of Growth	Dale Hjertas	Roberta
July TBD	Wine Wednesday / Bus Tour		
Aug	Wine Wednesday		
Sept 10	Fermented Foods and Show & Share	Rebecca Aspinall	Michelle
Oct TBD	Special Symposium!	Lyndon Penner	Jeff
Nov 19	AGM and Holiday Celebration		

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Education Session Task Worksheet	Assigned To
Send bio and contact info to Secretary and Treasurer	Host
Create advertising	Secretary
Purchase door prize	Hospitality
Send scrolling slide messages to President	Committee Chairs
Develop scrolling slides	President
NEW Confirm date and time with venue	Program Chair
Bring update membership list	Donaleen
Bring meeting package (name tags, marker, etc.)	Monica
Bring laptop, etc.	Chuck
Prepare Speaker introduction	Host
Prepare to conduct door prize draw	Hospitality
Create honorarium cheque or e-transfer	Treasurer
Prepare cheque for room rental	Treasurer
Send thank you note to speaker	Host