

LMGC Board Meeting

August 14, 2023

President Kate Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:30

V. Pres: Bobbie Dressen No report.

Treasurer: Mary Upjohn reported that our account at U.S. Bank requires an official document from the LMGC for her to be able to assume the role of Treasurer. We will probably have to do this every June going forward. Accordingly, the Board passed the following resolution:

Motion:

A Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously at the August 14, 2023 Lake Minnetonka Garden Club (aka LMGC) Executive Committee Meeting. The Motion was to authorize the following individuals as signatories on the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club's accounts at US Bank:

Mary Mulholland Upjohn, LMGC Treasurer

Mary Helen Keating, LMGC Bookkeeper

Emmie Hester, past LMGC Treasurer

The LMGC Executive Committee for the 2023-2024 fiscal year consists of the following officers: Kate Bryant, President; Bobbie Dressen, Vice President; Mary Upjohn, Treasurer; and Mary Meyer, Secretary.

Lake Minnetonka Garden Club was founded in 1927. The Mission of LMGC is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, horticulture, the art of flower arranging, garden history and design and photography; to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through action in the field of conservation; and to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings and civic projects.

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Corresponding Sec & Club Admin: Laura Inglis. No report.

Chairs:

Awards: Kate Bryant reported that our club nominated Becky Rom for the Zone XI Conservation Commendation Award for her efforts leading the Save the Boundary Waters campaign which she chairs. This is a major effort to save the Boundary Waters at the State and Federal levels from copper nickel and sulfur mining. Over 400 organizations have joined the effort that she has spearheaded. On January 26, 2023 a public land order withdrew the land from potential mining. Becky won our Zone Conservation Award and since she is not a member it will be a commendation.

Please congratulate Awards Chair Liz Weiner for doing all the work shepherding this through the commendation process.

Communications: Ellen Phelps. No report at this time

Civic Imp & Dept Garden: Mimi Rae reported that we have a scale infestation in the garden and all garden work is to cease until we get it under control. The scale is the nettle ensign scale, with a white cottony shell which has been found on several herbaceous plants. There is concern that this might be spread on tools, clothes etc. beyond the garden. It was identified by an Dr. Vera Krischik, entomologist from the U of M that Mary Meyer found for us. This scale is rare in Minnesota and is usually found in Kansas. We don't know where it came from or how it got there. We are trying to find bee friendly treatment and have contacted the following companies:

Prairie Restoration which is too busy to take on any more projects.

Rainbow Tree which doesn't have natural products.

Davey Tree which has natural products. We are waiting for a bid from them.

Bartlett wants to use the larvae of the green lace wing fly which eats the larvae. They have given us a proposal for \$250 per treatment. Lots of discussion followed.

The Depot Garden is supposed totally renovated in 2025 so it only has one more season until we lose it. Mimi will inform all members at our next program meeting.

Conservation and Nat Affairs: Larey Anne Swanson reported that she has been talking to British Author and Insect Researcher Oliver Millman as a possible Conservation event next year. She asked our speaker fee and a discussion followed about how best to utilize this contact. Many different ideas were discussed.

Floral Design: Debbie Vorpahl reported that she needs a budget for the November floral program meeting. She was told to discuss this with program chair Heather Haeg.

Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens: Harriett Chute, no report.

Historian: Meredith Howell reported that there are still a few dates that need volunteers for the Historical society. She mentioned that she was on the original Board for the Panoway project and she would be happy to help with the future plans for the Depot Garden

Horticulture: Heidi Heiland, no report

Membership, Nom. and Bylaws: Mitzi Magid reported that a few people have been identified and that if members have ideas please get them to her.

Photography: Anne Kaufman reported that the group has made a video tour of pictures the group has taken in the theme of Thursday's topic, water. This will be played at our August meeting. They are calling this a visual conversation. Next photography meeting is August 23 from 12:30 to 2:00 at the Wayzata Library.

Programs: Heather Haeg reported that this Thursday's program will have an excellent turn out.

The presenter, Julie Weisenhorn, has sent a long list of resources ahead of time. This will be a great meeting for guests.

Scholarship: Dustin Macgregor Nothing to report at this time.

Associate Member Liaison: Kitty Petit. No report

Endowment Fund Co-chairs: Mimi Keating, Mitzi Magid. Mitzi reported that the endowment effort is going very well. It is considered very important to ensure the future of this club.

Ways and Means: Shelly McGinnis reported that she is creating a shopping event with Faribault Mills. They have purchased a cotton mill and now offer a wider variety of products. She will bring 3 sample blankets to our next meeting.

100 Anniversary: Melissa Johnson, no report.

Web Manager: Nancy Guldberg reported that some program presentations are too big to post on our web site. She has discovered that there are file limits.

Minutes submitted by Dustin Macgregor on behalf of Mary Meyer.