

LMGC Board Meeting October 16, 2023

In attendance were: Kate Bryant, Bobbie Dessen, Debbie Vorpahl, Anne Kaufman, Mimi Keating, Heather Haeg, Liz Weiner, Nancy Gulberg, Mitzi Magid, Larey Swanson, Laura Inglis, Mimi Rae, Meredith Howell

Executive Committee Reports:

President Kate Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM. Thanked Harriet Chute and Kitty Petty for hosting the mushroom pop-up which truly educational as well as a lot of fun and reminded everyone to attend the Raptor Center event co-hosted by she and Mitzi Magid at the Magid's home.

V. Pres: Bobbie Dessen discussed the success of the endowment to date and the hand off to Mimi Keating and Mitzi Magid as co-chairs as well as the new member luncheon that was held in Excelsior

Recording Secretary Mary Meyer had no report

Treasurer: Mary Upjohn, Assistant Anne Kaufman

Kate Bryant announced that Mary was out-of-town and Mary was able to resolve the issue banking signatory issue after many weeks and we're grateful all of her time as well as her persistence. Kate also asked everyone to review the proposed budget and comment as needed.

Corresponding Sec & Club Admin: Laura Inglis, Assistant Dustin Macgregor had nothing to report.

Club Chair Reports:

Awards: Liz Weiner, Assistant Sara Pierson

Nothing to report.

Communications: Ellen Phelps, Assistant Kimberly Walsh

Ellen will be submitting to the Zone XI webpage photos from the puffball mushroom pop-up as well as copy explaining that the dry summer conditions followed by heavy rains produce these mega-mycology mushrooms that actually "puff" when poked and the skin is like pleather!

Civic Imp & Dept Garden: Mimi Rae, Lockie Markusen

Mimi announced that after a meeting with Kate Bryant, Mary Meyer and City of Wayzata parks staff () that the nettle ensign exist on the cutdown garden and in the soil, so the City would use a non-systemic spray the following day. They would also use the non-systemic spray near the DMV where they also noticed the nettle ensign. Mimi thanked Kate for sending an email on 10/6 notifying the membership of the process and procedure. The City will keep the garden plowed this winter to remove the snow insulation and we will meet in the spring to discuss another non-systemic spray and/or supervised burn.

Cons and Nat Affairs: Larey Anne Swanson, Assistant Holly Adams:

Larey discussed the excitement of the upcoming GCA meetings and the excitement for LMGC as Becky Rahm receiving the Zone XI award and will be honored thanks in great part to Kate Bryant's letter of recommendation for Becky's extraordinary work which is 1) science based, 2) business and 3) civic engagement. Becky's example is being used for the Yellowstone Watershed and the Yukon Watershed.

Floral Design: Debbie Vorpahl, Assistant, Jill Pflaum:

Debbie has florist Kathleen Geherin doing a workshop and the November meeting for floral design that begins with Thanksgiving and how to modify it for the Christmas/Winter holidays.

Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens: Harriett Chute, Assistant Cheryl Kelsey

Harriet thanked Kitty for hosting the well attended mushroom pop-up and Nancy, as zone rep, discussed how to sign up for the 2 national and 2 international visiting gardens "On the Road" on the GCA website. Martha Stewart's Bedford property will be in June and costs \$175.

Historian: Meredith Howell

Nothing to report.

Horticulture: Heidi Heiland, Assistant Nancy Guldborg:

Nothing to report.

Membership, Nom. and Bylaws: Mitzi Magid:

Mitzi informed us of the meeting she planned for the Zone Presidents in Chicago and said it was a privilege to work with such fabulous women and Kate reiterated that it was an awesome, thanking Mitzi for representing our club in this leadership position.

Photography Anne Kaufman:

Anne announced that a photo card record has been reached with 23 members submitting 70 photos and that the judges have made their final selection and order forms would be available at the October meeting. The "Still Life" photo workshop with Zone representative Amy Murphy and GCA judges would be held at the Wayzata Library on 10/25 from 12:30-2pm.

Programs: Heather Haeg, Assistant: Connie Linder:

Heather announced that the members have been encouraged to invite guest for this month's meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church for David Mozen's "Forrest Bathing" followed by a walk in Wolsfeld Woods. Kate will ask members to introduce their guests during announcements.

Scholarship: Dustin Macgregor, Jean Dovenberg:

Nothing to report.

Associate Member Liaison: Kitty Petit:

Nothing to report.

Endowment Fund Co-chairs: Mimi Keating, Mitzi Magid:

Mimi and Mitzi are excited to be taking over from Bobbie and Betsy as the endowment is being well received by the membership.

Ways and Means: Shelly McGinnis:

Shelly announced that the blanket sale at the Fairbault Mill Woolen store in Excelsior was a huge success raising more than \$800 for the LMGC scholarship fund.

100 Anniversary: Melissa Johnson:

Nothing to report.

Web Manager: Nancy Guldborg: Lots of work on the web continues. Thank you Nancy!

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 AM.

Minutes submitted by Mimi Rae