

LMGC Board Meeting September 18, 2023

President Kate Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM. Announcements:

This month's members meeting has very limited business time, we will not be able to make announcements. Kate will be sending email announcements. Next week is the new member horticulture walk at Heidi Heiland's home and a new member lunch coming up as well.

V. Pres: Bobbie Dressen no report

Recording Secretary Mary Meyer: no report

Treasurer: Mary Upjohn, Assistant Anne Kaufman

Financial funds are in good shape. All dues have been collected and sent payment to GCA for our national dues. Resolution is almost final for bank signatures.

Corresponding Sec & Club Admin: Laura Inglis, Assistant Dustin Macgregor: One address change, otherwise no report.

Club Chair Reports:

Awards: Liz Weiner, Assistant Sara Pierson

LMGC will be presenting a GCA Conservation Commendation at the Sept 2023 Zone Meeting this week in Chicago, to Becky Rom. She will be present at our November meeting in person to receive the award.

Communications: Ellen Phelps, Assistant Kimberly Walsh

Ellen asked for help taking photos at this week's meeting as she will be absent. She submitted an article on Becky Rom last year for the Bulletin and there is a story on the Zone Xi landing page for Becky Rom.

Civic Imp & Dept Garden: Mimi Rae, Lockie Markusen

Kate reported for Mimi that the Depot Garden continues to be an interesting challenge. Nettle scale continues to persist despite major cutback this fall. Release of the lace wing has been challenging and slow. We are still trying to do this treatment this fall. Burning will be done in the spring to further eliminate the plant duff and overwintering nettle scale.

Cons and Nat Affairs: Larey Anne Swanson, Assistant Holly Adams: No report

Floral Design: Debbie Vorpahl, Assistant, Jill Pflaum: Kate reported that Debbie is working on the November meeting for floral design.

Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens: Harriett Chute, Assistant Cheryl Kelsey
Harriett is working on Pop-up tours for next year.

Historian: Meredith Howell All slots are filled for the Wayzata Historical Society. Kate looked through the Smithsonian Historical Gardens online and created a list of the gardens from the Wayzata area that should be linked to our club. These historical records should be in the Wayzata Historical Society and LMGC documentation, Meredith will follow up. The goal is to have a complete listing in our annual yearbook for all documented historical Smithsonian Gardens. Kate gave Meredith Howell historic slides from Sharon Hawkins previous work. Ann K mentioned the Historical Society is selling a wildflower jigsaw puzzle that she will bring to the next meeting.

Horticulture: Heidi Heiland, Assistant Nancy Guldberg: Heidi is having a new member walk through at her garden next week.

Membership, Nom. and Bylaws: Mitzi Magid: Mitzi is always open to receive new member ideas. She will be filling the nominating slate in coming months. Kate encouraged us to think about new members.... community active folks.

Photography Anne Kaufman: Fall photo card sale is coming up....flyer will be distributed at the Sept 21 meeting for the call for **photos from all members due Oct 12. Photos for all seasons should be sent to Nancy Guldberg. Photos are not restricted to Minnesota.** Card order form will be online at the LMGC website and distributed at the November meeting.

Anne met with the Zone Rep for Photography, Amy Murphy, a member of the St Paul Garden Club and is looking at a Blooming Exposures joint meeting with the St Paul Garden Club. The Photo Club group meeting is Oct 25. Topic will be Still Life photography with Amy who is a great local resource.

Programs: Heather Haeg, Assistant: Connie Linder: Connie, along with Heather and Heidi, reported on the upcoming Meg Cowden garden meeting on Thursday, Sept 21,. We are invited to explore the garden prior to 1:00 PM and will need to leave by 1:40 PM.

Scholarship: Dustin Macgregor, Jean Dovenberg: Kate reported information is going out now to all Minnesota schools. Heidi mentioned that Hennepin Tech is currently in transition, Kate advised her to contact Jean Dovenberg to get the scholarship information to the correct person at Hennepin Tech.

Associate Member Liaison: Kitty Petit: No report

Endowment Fund Co-chairs: Mimi Keating, Mitzi Magid: Bobbie reported an upcoming meeting next week. Invoices and reminders are going out for payments due Dec 31, 2023. Mitzi will be discussing memorial or holiday gifts for the endowment at our upcoming meetings. Great response to date.

Ways and Means: Shelly McGinnis: Fairbault Mill Woolen Store Blanket sale is coming up, Tuesday Sept 26 at Excelsior store only, not online orders. Shop online must be followed up with a call to the store to count for the 15% income for LMGC.

100 Anniversary: Melissa Johnson: Kate announced that the Kettle Moraine Garden Club is having India Hicks for an event on Oct 26, 2023 as part of their 70th Anniversary Celebration.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM.

Minutes submitted by Mary Meyer.