

LMGC Board Meeting April 15, 2024

President Kate Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

Kate's announcements: Remember your committee goals that you gave to Kate last year? Review them and prepare for your June Annual Meeting report. Also connect with your assistant for the handoff in June. The Board transition luncheon will be Monday June 17, 2024 12 noon at Kate's home. Please turn in your expenses to Mary Upjohn as well as any yearbook/directory info to Laura Inglis.

Kate went to NAL and loved it. An information bomb! Meetings on the Hill and meetings with our MN legislators. GCA is nonpartisan and advocating for policies set by the GCA.

V. Pres: Roberta "Bobbie" Dressen: A formal announcement on the LMGC Endowment Fund will be coming at the Annual Meeting in June. She is looking forward to becoming president of LMGC as of July 1 and our 100th Anniversary. She has been meeting with local folks about the 2031 World showcasing of Horticulture with MNLA and other partners. This event is on the horizon for Minnesota.

Recording Secretary: Mary Meyer: no report

Treasurer: Mary Upjohn, Assistant Anne Kaufman. Mary reported \$19,394 in the checking account and \$34,631 in savings. Budget tracking is on schedule. Mary will be sending out the budget information for Board members to assess and in planning for the upcoming year 2024-25.

Corresponding Sec & Club Admin: Laura Inglis, Assistant Dustin Macgregor
May 15, 2024 all info is due to Laura for the yearbook. Thank you for sending your info on time!.

Chairs:

Awards: Liz Weiner, Assistant Sara Pierson All set and excited for June awards. Thank you, Kate!

Communications: Ellen Phelps, Assistant Kimberly Walsh

Moving forward with the help of Mitzi new articles are coming. April as Native Plant Initiative has been approved by the Governor. St Paul GC and Ellen are working to get this changed into law. This will mean a consistent ongoing annual recognition instead of just a proclamation that needs to be renewed annually. Promotion to other clubs: Wayzata GC, Kate will do. MSHS and the Arb are already promoting Native Plant Month. Anyone interested in this initiative let Ellen know. Heidi recommended we communicate with Metro Blooms and Wild Ones about promoting Native Plant Month. Ellen will contact Heidi.

Civic Imp & Dept Garden: Mimi Rae, Lockie Markusen. Lockie inspected the Depot Garden. No sign of scale; bulbs just beginning to come up. Volunteers to be decided due to Panoway project. We are waiting to see if the nettle ensign scale is back and anywhere else the scale has come back in Wayzata. Kate emphasized this is a transition year for the garden due to the

proposed construction for 2025. Perhaps 'just' colorful annuals for this year.

Meredith Howell reported that July 13, 2024 will be the public grand opening for the Boardwalk....not Memorial Day as previously announced. Will there be space for our garden? Discussion on what will be the future of the Depot Garden. Bobbie reported that Jeff Dahl has offered to come to a meeting with us. There is confusion on the start date for the next phase of the Panoway project. Meredith, Melissa, Bobbie, Kate, and Lockie will continue stay up to date on this issue.

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

Floral Design: Debbie Vorpahl, Assistant, Jill Pflaum Jill reported that Debbie has the floral design set up with new members before the June meeting with Hele Waldron. Kate recommended Jill and Debbie check with Wendy Lee, the host of the June meeting. The November event will be at the Arboretum, Nov 21, 2024 with Meredith Ross (same presenter as April 2024 meeting). Andrew Gapinski, new Arb director will meet with us as well.

Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens: Harriett Chute, Assistant Cheryl Kelsey: Harriet reported several pop-up gardens will happen this summer. Fun things planned. Kate asked Harriett to connect with Kitty Petit to synchronize her associate garden tours.

Historian: Meredith Howell no report continue working on LMHS sign ups

Horticulture: Heidi Heiland, Assistant Nancy Guldberg Heidi asked about the Hort Chair's work for the new members and programs needed at this time. Possible need for a meeting for Bobbie, Nancy and Heidi for upcoming year. Heidi suggested Hort special meetings for the whole club, not just new members.

Membership, Nom. and Bylaws: Mitzi Magid Mitzi reported the following three proposed memberships:

Joycelyn Anderson nominated by Chris Rotsch, seconded by Betsy Massie. Motion made to accept Joycelyn made by Mitzi and seconded by Shelley McGinnis. Motion passed.

Carol Samuelson nominated by Lynne O'Reilly and seconded by Debbie Vorpahl. Motion made to accept Carol by Mitzi, Laura Inglis seconded. Motion passed.

Sharon McGrann was proposed by Mary Aamoth, seconded by Heather Haeg. Motion to accept Sharon was made by Mitzi and seconded by Liz. Motion passed.

Laura Inglis will be sending letters to the new proposed members for their acceptance.

Mitzi presented the following slate of officers and committee chairs for 2024-2025 (beginning July 1, 2024):

The Lake Minnetonka Garden Club 2024-25 Officers

President *+

Roberta “Bobbie” Dressen

Vice President *+

Melissa Johnson

Recording Secretary*+

Mary Meyer

Assistant, Liz Weiner

Treasurer *+

Mary Upjohn

Assistant, Anne Kaufman

Corresponding Secretary *+

Laura Inglis

Assistant, Dustin Macgregor

The Lake Minnetonka Garden Club 2024-25 Chairs

Awards

Sara Pierson

Assistant, Shelly McGinnis

Communications

Kimberly Walsh

Assistant, Lynne O’Reilly

Civic Improvement & Depot Garden

Lockie Markusen

Conservation / National Affairs and Legislation (NAL) +

Holly Adams

Assistant, Ellen Phelps

Floral Design

Jill Pflaum

Assistant, Maddy Frécon

Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens

Cheryl Kelsey

Assistant, Tammy Hansen

Historian

Meredith Howell

Horticulture +
Nancy Guldberg
Assistant, Heather Haeg

Membership, Nominating & Bylaws +
Kate Bryant

Photography
Anne Kaufman

Program
Connie Linder
Assistant, Anna Lyon

Scholarship
Jean Dovenberg
Assistant, Larey Anne Swanson

Associate Member Liaison^
To be appointed

Endowment Fund Co-Chairs^
Mimi Keating
Mitzi Magid

Ways and Means^
To be appointed

100th Anniversary Chair^
Melissa Johnson

Not voted on but to be included in the directory:

Web Manager
Nancy Guldberg

LMGC Administrative Support
Janie Delaney

+ Two Year Position
^ Appointed

Mitzi made a motion to approve the slate of officers. Kate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Photography Anne Kaufman: Kate spoke for Anne, noting several LMGC photo winners throughout the year! Congrats!!! June 5 workshop coming up and Oct 17 program meeting will be about photography. Minnetonka Art Center has offered space for LMGC to do a photography show for our club.

Programs: Heather Haeg, Assistant: Connie Linder

Fun program with Robin Ross Farm is this Thursday. Betsy Hawn, one of the presenters is Chichi Steiner's daughter, so there will be a Mother/daughter vibe to this meeting. Let Heatehr know if you are bringing guests.

May program presenter Maryjo Hoffman will be May 23 NOT May 16. The June 5 workshop with Maryjo is an additional event.

Scholarship: Dustin Macgregor, Jean Dovenberg no report

Associate Member Liaison: Kitty Petit Kitty reported that a summer excursion for associates to a lavender farm south of the Twin Cities is being planned.

Endowment Fund Co-chairs: Mimi Keating, Mitzi Magid Ongoing work on endowment announcement at the June Annual Meeting.

Ways and Means: Shelly McGinnis TBD dates for Kelley and Kelley plant sale for members. MIA Friends is a good group to join. Art in Bloom is coming up. Special group activities for Friends of the MIA. Special tours for LMGC can be done.

100 Anniversary: Melissa Johnson no report

Web Manager: Nancy Guldberg no report

The meeting adjourned at 9:52.

Minutes submitted by Mary Meyer.