

August 19, 2024 LMGC Board Meeting via Zoom

Attending: Nancy Guldberg, Anne Kaufman, Kate Bryant, Bobbie Dessen, Kimberly Walsh, Jean Dovenberg, Connie Linder, Holly Adams, Mimi Keating, Melissa Johnson, Cheryl Kelsey, Mary Upjohn, Mary Meyer, Laura Inglis.

Not present: Meredith Howel, Mitzi Magid, Lockie Markusen, Jill Pflaum,

President Roberta Dessen called the meeting to order at 8:30. She asked for announcements for the Thursday Aug 22 member meeting: archives sign-ups; photo submissions dead line, possible ways and means event for September.

V. Pres: Melissa Johnson no report

Recording Secretary: Mary Meyer, Assistant Liz Weiner

Mary asked for a motion to approve the July 15, 2024, LMGC Board meeting minutes. Motion made by Connie Linder and seconded by Nancy Guldberg. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Mary Upjohn, Assistant Anne Kaufman Checking account balance \$35,514; \$32,275 in savings. Our club dues payment to GCA is happening today. Eight people still need to pay their dues. Reminders and help needed, Bobbie asked for the list of names to help.

Corresponding Sec & Club Admin: Laura Inglis, Assistant Dustin Macgregor
Laura reported the yearbooks have been distributed.

Chairs:

Awards: Sara Pierson, Assistant Shelly McGinnis

NOTE: via email from Sara received after the meeting: nothing to report for awards

Communications: Kimberly Walsh, Assistant: Lynne O'Reilly

Kimberly met with Ellen, Kate, and Mitzi to learn how to submit club communications to the GCA website. She has a plan for the year and is currently working with Kitty on the associates lavender farm visit and website updates.

Civic Imp & Dept Garden: Lockie Markusen no report

Cons and Nat Affairs: Holly Adams, Assistant: Ellen Phelps

Holly was in contact with the Cons and Nat Affairs Zone XI rep, a member of the SPGC. Holly is exploring how to reduce or eliminate the use of plastic (one time use) water bottles at our meetings. Ideas such as bringing our water bottle to the meetings or using compostable cups.

Floral Design: Jill Pflaum, Assistant; Maddie Frecon no report

Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens: Cheryl Kelsey, Assistant: Tammy Hansen

Cheryl reported a great turnout for the popup garden visit. 50+ attending! September hopefully another popup garden visit. She has started the Smithsonian submission for the Kelley and Kelly garden.

Historian: Meredith Howell no report, Bobbie noted that Meredith would like us to sign up for the Lake Minnetonka archives shifts, the sign up will be passed around at the August member meeting.

Horticulture: Nancy Guldberg, Assistant: Heather Haeg no report

Membership, Nom. and Bylaws: Kate Bryant

Think of friends who would make great LMGC members!!! Bring your friends to upcoming meetings...Eloise Butler Garden Florilegium meeting in September. Also let Kate know your preferences for serving in the club in various positions. She is working on a master spreadsheet for members roles and past work.

Photography: Anne Kaufman Shutterbugs are moving right along....deadline for submissions for the Photo Gallery event and notecards is Friday Aug 23. Flyers will be distributed at the Th Aug member meeting. About 12 submissions so far for notecards. Six plus award winners for the gallery showing. Send in your photos!!! Reminder email coming today from Anne. 3 photos is the limit per member.

Programs: Connie Linder, Assistant: Anna Lyon Connie will introduce the speaker and end the meeting for this Thursday. Let her know about announcements. For the October meeting we are opening the meeting to the SPGC photo group and members of the Minnetonka Center for the Arts.

Scholarship: Jean Dovenberg, Assistant: Larey Anne Swanson One of the U of M grad students who was an applicant for our club scholarship and almost won it, was one of the GCA national scholarships winners. Hazel Schrader, would be a good candidate for speaking at one of our meetings. Bobbie suggested she speak at the June 2025 Annual Meeting, and thanked Jean for following up in contacting Hazel.

Associate Member Liaison: Kitty Petit Kitty reported that on July 25 a group of the associate members visited the [Lavender Barnyard in Farmington, MN](#) where English and French lavender is grown with all parts of the plant used and plants are hardy in MN!! Kitty will send photos to Nancy for the website.

Endowment Fund Co-chairs: Mimi Keating, Mitzi Magid

Mimi will send out reminder letters for pledges for the endowment campaign.

Ways and Means: Debby Vorpahl

Debbie is exploring Evereve in Wayzata Sept 19 or 25, Oct 22 or possibly November. We get 15% of the proceeds for the day for anyone mentioning LMGC. And we could have a happy hour

for our members. Social and shopping. Melissa suggested that J MacLaughlin is already a shop our members use and we should verify their % for us from last year, check with Liz Weiner who works there. Discussion on best date and which shop to use. Debbie will follow up.

100th Anniversary: Melissa Johnson no report

The meeting adjourned at 9:02

Minutes submitted by Mary Meyer.