

Lake Minnetonka Garden Club Annual Meeting
June 20, 2024

The meeting began with a delicious buffet luncheon indoors due to Minnesota's everchanging weather. We moved outdoors under a tent braving the drizzling weather for the annual meeting.

Kate called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. She thanked Wendy Lee for hosting at her beautiful home. Kate asked that we hold a minute of silence for Topsy Simonson who died this year.

Kate called on Mary Meyer who asked for approval of the 2023-24 annual meeting minutes as recorded. Jean Dovenberg so moved and Sharon Hawkins seconded. Motion passed.

Scholarship winner Alyssa Hadley from the University of Minnesota, spoke on her MS work on the propagation and production of underutilized plants. She is working on desert olive, *Forestiera pubescens*, a southwestern U.S. drought tolerant shrub growing at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. She is also working on "mouse-ear" disorder which is believed to be a nickel deficiency in woody plants.

Kate introduced Liz Weiner who announced the following award winners:

Mitzi Magid, Club Medal of Merit

Holly Adams, Club Appreciation Award

Mitzi Magid, Kate Bryant, Bobbie Dressen, Mimi Keating, Margene Fox, Betsy Massie, and Pam Ulvsted, Club Civic Improvement Award

Anne Kaufman, Photography Award

MN Senator Kelly Morrison, Conservation Commendation Award

Arla Carmichiel, Horticultural Commendation Award

Steve Kelley, Garden History and Design Commendation Award

Years of service awards:

25 years: Betsy Massie

30 years: Sally Hornig, Mary Raymond, Chichi Steiner

35 years: Carol Hunter

45 years: Maryjo Garre, Helen Waldron

Andrea Bassett announced that Susie Wilson's garden has been accepted into the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens.

Mitzi Magid introduced three new members:

Jocelyn Anderson, proposed by Chris Rotsch and Betsy Massie

Sharon McGrann, proposed by Mary Aamoeth and Heather Haeg

Carol Samuelson, proposed by Lynne O'Reilly and Debbie Vorpahl

Mitzi Magid announced the 2024-25 slate of officers, see listing at end of these minutes. Cindy Pratt made a motion to approve the list of officers, Liz Weiner seconded, the motion passed.

Mitzi introduced the 4 LMGC members who work in Zone XI leadership:

Nancy Gulberg, Visiting Gardens and Tours. Nancy encouraged us to look for the Monaco and Japan international trips coming up with GCA. Mimi Keating, Civic Improvement and Awards, gave out over \$200,000 in grants this past year. Mitzi Magid Zone XI Chairperson/Club Presidents, she is on speed dial for the 19 Zone XI club presidents. Mary Meyer Hort Rep Zone XI works with the 19 Zone XI Hort Club Chairs to promote horticulture, including Freeman Nominations and the Shirley Meneice Conference.

Club Chair Reports:

Bobbie Dressen, incoming President, no report

Mary Meyer, Recording Secretary, no report, thanks to Nancy Guldberg for posting minutes on the LMGC website.

Mary Upjohn, Treasurer reported the club is ending the year with approximately \$9,000 in checking to carry over to next year. \$32,000 in savings with reserved funds for the Depot Garden, flower shows, remembrance, scholarship and \$2,500 each for the Zone Meeting and the 2027 100th anniversary. This leaves about \$11,000 unspecified in savings. Dues are adequate for programs and expenses. Please send all receipts to Mary and please pay your dues by June 30, 2024. Thank you to Mimi Keating for financial reports.

Laura Inglis: 2024-25 yearbook is done, including the two new pages for Endowment Campaign.

Liz Weiner, Awards, previously reported, see above.

Mimi Ray, Depot Garden. A challenging year in the garden, due to nettle ensign scale now eradicated, we hope. A new volunteer schedule was included with the yearbooks, so garden work will begin next week.

Larey Ann Swanson, Conservation hosted Dr. Teddie Potter last July 2023, Oct NAL Committee Conference focused on resources on Clean Air. Becky Rom was a speaker for 2024 NAL national meeting. Kate and Holly represented LMGC in Washington at the NAL conference. National GCA support for conservation in the Boundary Waters after Becky Rohm's presentation. 50 states are now promoting April as Native Plants Month. Let Ellen Phelps know if you would like to help with moving this to becoming law in Minnesota.

Debbie Vorpahl, Floral Design, reported on the Nov 2023 floral workshop. On June 19 new members guided by Helen Waldron, designed the floral arrangements for today's meeting.

Cheryl Kelsey, Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens reported Susan Wilson's garden was accepted into the Smithsonian Archives. There were several pop-up gardens for 2023 with a variety of locations. More pop-up gardens to come this summer, watch you email.

Meredith Howell, Historian, reported on the successful merger of the local historical societies. Thank you for volunteering this past year. Look for the 2024-25 sign up at July meeting.

Heidi Heiland, Horticulture, reported on 2023 horticulture meeting at Meg Cowan's garden, and the seed collection event at Three Rivers Parks. Thanks to Nancy Guldberg for writing the monthly hort hints.

Mitzi Magid reported on Centennial Endowment Fund. New large contributions: \$50,000 from John and Renata Winsor Fund, \$25,000 from Muffy MacMillan in memory of Mrs. Pauline Whitney MacMillan; \$10,000 from Becky Field and \$10,000 from Carol Prince. We currently have pledges of \$504,000 with \$327,000 received to date. Invested funds have earned \$29,000. Ahead of targeted goals, congratulations and thanks to all who have contributed.

Anne Kaufman, Photography announced Becky Field, Lisa Melamed, Cindy Pratt, and Anne Kaufman received awards for photography this year. We will be having a Photo Gallery at Minnetonka Center for the Arts for the LMGC. Invitations will be coming.

Heather Haeg, Programs thanked everyone for helping with programs this year. Special thanks to Wendy Lee for hosting today. Thanks to Connie Linder for nametag distribution. Heather gave carpooling awards.

Jean Dovenberg, Scholarship Jean thanked Alyssa Headley for coming and talking about her research work. Next year we will again be awarding two scholarships.

Shelly McGinnis, Ways and Means. Thank you for supporting these events. Special thanks to Kelley and Kelley for giving proceeds from our members purchases to support the club's scholarship program.

Kate announced the Associate Members will be visiting a Lavender Farm. (Actives are jealous!).

Melissa Johnson, 100th Anniversary Get excited for 2027 and the 100th Anniversary celebration, it is coming!

Kate thanked everyone for all their work in her 2 years as service as President. “It’s been an honor.” Thank you Kate!!!! She gave special thanks to Mitzi and Bobbie.
Kate handed the gavel to Bobbie who thanked Kate for her work and closed the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.
Minutes recorded by Mary Meyer.

The Lake Minnetonka Garden Club 2024-25 Officers

Slate for 2024 – 25 – approved at the April 15th, 2024, LMGC Board meeting and approved at the LMGC Annual Meeting on June 20, 2024.

President *+

Roberta “Bobbie” Dressen

Vice President *+

Melissa Johnson

Recording Secretary*+

Mary Meyer

Assistant, Elizabeth “Liz” Weiner

Treasurer *+

Mary Upjohn

Assistant, Anne Kaufman

Corresponding Secretary *+

Laura Inglis

Assistant, Dustin Macgregor

Cindy Pratt

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^

Kitty Petit

Endowment Fund Co-Chairs^

Mimi Keating
Mitzi Magid

Ways and Means^

Debbie Vorpahl

100th Anniversary Chair^

Melissa Johnson

Not voted on but to be included in the directory:

Web Manager

Nancy Guldberg

LMGC Administrative Support

Janie Delaney

Bookkeeper
Mimi Keating

+ Two Year Position
^ Appointed