

LMGC Board Meeting  
June 17, 2024

Following a delicious buffet lunch, President Kate Bryant called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. She made the following announcements: Welcome to new chairs! Kate said what an honor it has been for her to serve as President. Let her know about any announcements for Thursday's annual meeting. All chairs will be giving brief annual reports, 1-2 minutes at the meeting. Carpooling is encouraged.

V. Pres: Roberta "Bobbie" Dressen no report

Recording Secretary: Mary Meyer, minutes from the past year are now up on the website, thank you Nancy Guldberg.

Treasurer: Mary Upjohn, Assistant Anne Kaufman

We are ending the year with \$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. Depot Garden money will still be held in savings if not used this year due to the scale insects. Any questions on budgets for the coming year, check with your Chair. All items were same or increased.

Corresponding Sec & Club Admin: Laura Inglis, Assistant Dustin Macgregor

2024-25 Yearbooks are done!!! We have 3 new members, 1 deceased member, and 2 members moved from active to associate. Total membership is 118 active and associates.

**Chairs:**

Awards: Liz Weiner, Assistant Sara Pierson

Huge thank you to Kate for help in doing the awards. A lot of fun. For years of service, Mary Jo Garre has 45 years (she is also a former GCA President). Kate gave her the award at her home as she cannot attend on Thursday.

Communications: Ellen Phelps, Assistant Kimberly Walsh

Let Ellen know if you would like to help with collaboration with the St Paul Garden Club and Native Plant Initiative. Kate Bryant and Holly Adams volunteered to help Ellen continue to work for the initiative to become a Minnesota law.

Civic Imp & Dept Garden: Mimi Rae, Lockie Markusen

Mimi reported tomorrow June 18 is another meeting in the Depot Garden for assessment of the nettle ensign scale, hopefully no scale will be found and we can move forward with plantings and volunteer work. July 13 is the opening of the new Lakewalk.

Cons and Nat Affairs: Larey Anne Swanson, Assistant Holly Adams Thanks for a successful day pulling garlic mustard. Perhaps a bit too late this spring as some plants had gone to seed. Thanks to Kathy Jones, our LMGC Partners for Plants Coordinator for setting this up with the DNR and help with coordination.

Floral Design: Debbie Vorpahl, Assistant, Jill Pflaum

Jill reported the Nov 21 Holiday Design Meredith Heithoff from Robin Ross Farms will be doing the program. Let Jill know of any ideas for the event. Andrew Gapinski, Arb Director, will also be speaking at this meeting.

Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens: Harriett Chute, Assistant Cheryl Kelsey Harriett cannot attend Thursday. Several popup gardens are coming this summer. Look for email announcements. Steven and Susan Wilson's garden has been accepted into the Smithsonian Gardens. Greentree Garden Club from Milwaukee is visiting and has been in touch with Sherry McGinnis as well as Harriett and is coordinated with the Visiting Gardens GCA program.

Historian: Meredith Howell Thank you to all volunteers for the historical society volunteer work. The merger of local historical societies has gone well and work continues. Next sign up will be at the July meeting.

Horticulture: Heidi Heiland, Assistant Nancy Guldberg no report

Membership, Nom. and Bylaws: Mitzi Magid Thank you for help in nominations for the coming year. Three new members will be coming on Thursday. Isabell Keating has resigned and wrote a nice note to everyone on how meaning full the club has been for her for the past 25 years.

Photography Anne Kaufman Twelve members went to Mary Jo Hoffman's home and gathered materials for photography. Marvelous event. These photos will be used in fall notecard for the ways and means sale. Photography fans meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 12:30-2:00 PM at the library, all are welcome.

Programs: Heather Haeg, Assistant: Connie Linder Parking is an issue for Thursday's meeting. Heather is giving a prize to the person with the most people in a carpool. Programs are in good hands as Connie's got this for next year.

Scholarship: Dustin Macgregor, Jean Dovenberg Two scholarships were given this past year, a graduate and undergraduate got the awards. Quite diverse applicants; should there be more of a focus on specific applicants? Jean reported there were 9 applicants for this year. The schedule for asking for fall applicants and awards given out in spring is good. Both recipients will be speaking to the club at future meetings.

Associate Member Liaison: Kitty Petit. February luncheon planned but did not work for timing. Lavender farm visit is being planned and will happen soon.

Endowment Fund Co-chairs: Mimi Keating, Mitzi Magid  
Originally \$500,000 goal prior to the centennial and \$1M beyond that date. Mimi announced we have reached the \$500,000 in contributions!!! Congratulations to everyone!!

Ways and Means: Shelly McGinnis  
\$3,260 income to date, without the sale at Kelley and Kelley, who is compiling that income.

100 Anniversary: Melissa Johnson A new logo is being finalized, committees are being set up for the anniversary celebration.

Web Manager: Nancy Guldberg no report

The meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM.

Minuets submitted by Mary Meyer.