

LMGC Board Meeting May 20, 2024

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

Announcements: Let Kate know if you need to make an announcement at the May meeting.

Kate shared Mary Jo Hoffman's new book [Still: The Art of Noticing](#) (our May program speaker) and announced LMGC member Becky Fields has many photographs in the new [Breeding Birds of Minnesota](#) book now out as well.

Please remember to send **your annual reports to Kate asap**. Review your goals for the year and send a summary for the 2023-24 year. Everyone will get a chance to present their annual report for the June Annual Meeting. Don't take very long, but we want the highlights. Please send all expense receipts into May Upjohn asap.

V. Pres: Roberta "Bobbie" Dressen

Bobbie reported she is becoming a sponge soaking up info from Kate. Kate encouraged everyone to start working with their incoming assistant chairs or new chairs to transition for the new year.

Recording Secretary: Mary Meyer

She is working with Nancy Guldberg to get the monthly member meeting minutes on the LMGC website for everyone to see and refer to.

Treasurer: Mary Upjohn, Assistant Anne Kaufman

As of 5/19/2024 checking balance is \$20,643; adequate for remaining reimbursement requests. Savings balance is \$32,271. The club is well funded to follow budget and expenses as planned.

Donations this year:

The Donation Garden in Orono \$300

GCA Scholarship: \$250

MN Landscape Arboretum Knot Garden \$50

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MN State Horticultural Society \$250

Wayzata Historical Society \$100

Noreneberg Gardens \$150

U of M Center of Planetary Health and Environmental Justice \$200

LMGC Scholarship Grants:

Kiersten Linnae Willie, U of MN undergrad student \$2,000

Alyssa Headley, U of MN graduate student \$2,500

Mary announced funds of \$2,500 have been set aside for each of these projects: the 100 LMGC Anniversary celebration and the 2031 GCA Zone XI meeting. Ways and Means income was \$3260 from the Fairbault Mills event and note cards sales. 2024 budget remains same as planned, savings in accounting, \$200 was added to photography. No other significant changes.

Kate reminded us of the increasing costs for speakers and room rentals. Should our dues

increase to correspond with these increasing costs? Is our standard \$200 speaker fee enough? The Woodhill Barn is currently \$1,100 for the rental fee. Moving funds into the program budget will help.

Corresponding Sec & Club Admin: Laura Inglis, Assistant Dustin Macgregor
Working on the yearbook, coming along. Proofreading. Extra copies of the yearbook can be ordered through Laura for \$5.

Chairs:

Awards: Liz Weiner, Assistant Sara Pierson
No report, great job on awards Liz.

Communications: Ellen Phelps, Assistant Kimberly Walsh
No report, Native Plant Month Initiative coming into law for next year is a work in progress. contact Ellen for further info. Let Ellen her know of any articles for GCA. Becky Fields photographs in the new U of M Press book, great idea for article.

Civic Imp & Dept Garden: Mimi Rae, Lockie Markusen
Volunteer schedule June through Oct will be sent out in June. Kate gave a brief update on past meetings with Wayzata maintenance and reviewed the work done last fall. Malathion application was done last fall in the Depot Garden and near the Wayzata Community room. No sign of the insect yet this year. Walk through scheduled for next week or two. No work until we can see if the nettle scale is back.

Cons and Nat Affairs: Larey Anne Swanson, Assistant Holly Adams
Lary is meeting with Holly for next year plans. Huge thank you to Ellen on her Native Plant month work. Encouraged members to promote the Native Plant month. More to come.

Floral Design: Debbie Vorpahl, Assistant, Jill Pflaum
Debbie reported the floral workshop with Helen Waldron will take place at Kate's home the day before the annual meeting with new members.

Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens: Harriett Chute, Assistant Cheryl Kelsey
Several pop-up garden tours coming up in June, July and August. Announcements will come in advance of the days, usually morning times. Andrea and Mitzi's work on Susie Wilson's country garden has been accepted into the Smithsonian's Garden archive. Congratulations on completing this project.

Historian: Meredith Howell

Good year with the merger of Lake Minnetonka historical societies, this was a good move. Sign-ups will start in July for members to work in the archives. Meredith is working with Melissa Johnson on the 100th Anniversary.

Horticulture: Heidi Heiland, Assistant Nancy Guldberg
no report, active listener and participant

Membership, Nom. and Bylaws: Mitzi Magid
no report, nomination work complete; 3 new members coming for this June annual meeting

Photography Anne Kaufman
Very busy! Sold out for the June 5 Forager's Flatlay photography workshop in Mary Jo Hoffman's home studio. Hopefully a video recap to come.

Programs: Heather Haeg, Assistant: Connie Linder
Busy program coming up this week. RSVP and let Kate know if you have announcements. Bring guests but RSVP. Speaker and author Mary Jo Hoffman will be selling her book.

Scholarship: Dustin Macgregor, Jean Dovenberg
Alyssa Headley, 2024 graduate scholarship winner, will be speaking at the June annual meeting.

Associate Member Liaison: Kitty Petit
no report

Endowment Fund Co-chairs: Mimi Keating, Mitzi Magid
no report

Ways and Means: Shelly McGinnis
no report, K&K sale just finished.

100 Anniversary: Melissa Johnson
No report

Web Manager: Nancy Guldberg
no report

Peter Hitch, Exec Director of Wayzata Conservancy, and Jeffrey Dahl, Wayzata City Manager joined the meeting in person to update us on the Panoway project. They reported the project is a partnership between City of Wayzata and Wayzata Conservancy. This partnership has been critically important. Peter emphasized that listening is important. Jeffrey handed out a ppt presentation which he will email to Kate for all Board members to see.

Panoway Phase 1 was completed prior to 2020. Long term project since 2008. Maximizing the Lake Minnetonka asset was critical to the project. Historical use of the lake has been a blessing in disguise, due to the public access of the lake. With the railroad, no private ownership took over the lake access. Public could see the lake, but always knew we could do better! The lake and lake experience, while making any changes environmentally sensitive and safe are critical goals for the project. The new Muni parking lot moved parking away from the street and

allowed more public space near the lake.

Panoway Phase 2 is almost complete...the cornerstone, the boardwalk, or Lakewalk is critical for public interaction with the lake. Memorial Day 2024 is the opening goal, and most of it will be open by this weekend, May 25-26. Goal complete!!! Dock space 48 slips, a 10% increase and safer and much nicer. Broadway (near Cove) and by the Depot are the two docks. Two areas along the Lakewalk will have step downs to "dip your toes in the water". It is not true that there will be permit/permanent docks for owners only. Floating docks are in and adjust with the water. These REVENUE docks will bring revenue to the city, similar to Excelsior; approximately \$50,000 per year. Pick up dinners can be completed through a new ParkMobile app or Tonka Dash, is a new high school business/app, that you can contact for bringing out your order. Final details are being worked out for these docks. Slips are different sizes, depending on your boat size and this will improve efficiency. July 13, 2024, is the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Lakewalk.

Panoway Phase 3. Most important for LMGC. The bookends of the Lakewalk. Depot Park and the Ecopark along with the section foreman's house. Called the Sanville (sic) Learning Center due to a generous donation from the Sanville (sic) family. Funding needed for Phase 3 is \$11 million (approximate cost) for these two areas. Improvements will be made to the Depot area. Funding is still forthcoming, esp due to the lack of a 2024 state bonding bill. A Wayzata food and beverage sales tax has not been successful. Conservancy is essential for assisting with funding. Design development has been done, a couple of years ago. No changes to this original plan have been done. More funding is the next step, then actual documentation and plans. LMGC collaboration is critical, but timing is not known due to lack of funding. Kate asked about the future of the miniature train garden. the miniature train is still in the plan. Kate noted we (LMGC) have no contact for this area.

Bobbie verified that in the future we would create a letter of understanding on the work to be done with the LMGC and the City in the new future garden. Jeffrey confirmed this. Peter stated that the \$1.6M raised in 2023 was a great year. But next is to start the process and talk about these costs for Phase 3. Scott Jorden from Denver, is the designer and who will need to draw up the final plans for Phase 3. The two parks at section foreman house on the east and Depot Garden on the west end will be the new parks. Peter emphasized the perfect fit for our 100 Anniversary and the new parks for this area. Jeffrey state these are equal priority but a bit higher for the Depot Garden than section foreman house. Peter stated there is restricted funding coming for the floating docks tubs that will break the wind from the south and protect the shoreline along the Depot and Broadway. These tubs are under the floating docks give us the advantage of the \$200,000 grant from state for wave breaks. They will be installing concrete breaks along the shore underneath the water to break the waves and protect the shoreline restoration. This will enable additional foundation funds. NOTE: Assume shoreline tubs and concrete breaks are part of Phase 2 funding and not Phase 3, not clear from presentation, but assume funding is secure.

Lakewalk is the preferred new name, not boardwalk 😊 Heidi asked about the inviting of more people into the conversation...additional community members? Jeff indicated this is a lot of activity and not proactively encouraged. There is concern among Wayzata residents about more people coming into the city. Tension between Wayzata local residents needing and paying for these amenities versus inviting and encouraging other communities into the area. Thanks to Jeff and Peter for coming.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.

Minutes submitted by Mary Meyer.