

LMGC Board Meeting November 18, 2024

President Roberta Dressen called the Zoom meeting to order at 8:30 AM

Announcements: Wayzata Library storage space with the Lake Minnetonka Historical Society is being discussed. Space is an issue and where to locate LMGC materials; this is a work in progress.

Present: Meredith Howell, Connie Linder, Laura Inglis, Roberta Dressen, Mitzi Magid, Jean Dovenberg, Anne Kaufman, Sara Pierson, Jill Pflaum, Mimi Keating, Mary Meyer, Kate Bryant, Melissa Johnson, Kimberly Walsh.

Absent: Debbie Walsh, Mary Upjohn, Lockie Markusen, Holly Adams, Cheryl Kelsey, Nancy Guldborg, Kitty Petit.

Roberta called on Mary Meyer who asked for a motion to approve the September 2024 and October 2024 Board meeting minutes, motion made by Laura Inglis; seconded by Sara Pierson. Motion passed.

V. Pres: Melissa Johnson Melissa met with the newest LMGC member and this completes lunches with new members.

Recording Secretary: Mary Meyer, Assistant Liz Weiner no report

Treasurer: Mary Upjohn, Assistant Anne Kaufman no report

Corresponding Sec & Club Admin: Laura Inglis, Assistant Dustin Macgregor no report

Chairs:

Awards: Sara Pierson, Assistant Shelly McGinnis

Sara is working with Bobbie and Kate and setting goals; keeping nominations private but several are in the works.

Communications: Kimberly Walsh, Assistant: Lynne O'Reilly

Anne Kaufman write a nice article on the photography group and recent gallery showing that was posted on GCA Zone CONNECT website. Mitzi also added a photo for our zone. Fabulous. Good idea to remind members about any garden visits or garden travels for this winter, perfect for the CONNECT section of the website. Mitzi reminded us that everyone can post and share information with the CONNECT section of the website.

Civic Imp & Dept Garden: Lockie Markusen *report from Lockie via email after the meeting:*

I planted the center garden pot with greens on Sunday. I watched a man propose to a young woman on the end of the dock by us!! The city has taken everything down to about 2 inches. I wish I could bring leaves over there and mulch but that is quite a hassle. So a lot of bare ground. I photographed the garden several times summer and fall. I will get a plan - with help from others- after December 8th when I return from a trip. I did receive the info back from having the soil tested. Very high phosphorus but else is normal. The soil samples were taken from the area closest to the parking lot where we have trouble growing anything (thanks to tree roots) and wanted to see if it was the soil.

Cons and Nat Affairs: Holly Adams, Assistant: Ellen Phelps no report

Floral Design: Jill Pflaum, Assistant; Maddie Frecon Thursday's meeting with workshop has 27 people are signed up so far, room for 3 more, so another email will be sent. Guests can come as well. Auction for the designer's arrangement will go to the club; Melissa volunteered to be the auctioneer.

Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens: Cheryl Kelsey, Assistant: Tammy Hansen Cheryl was not present, however Bobbie reported that Kate and Cheryl are working with the Kelley's garden. Drone images have been taken and documentation is proceeding.

Historian: Meredith Howell Kimberly reported she worked this past week at the Historical Society rearranging shelves. Due to space limitations, there is concern for where to put our LMGC materials. An inventory of materials is needed and hopefully will be the work of our weekly club volunteers when they are on site. We need to know the extent of the materials and what can be scanned. Melissa is talking with Adam Wright. iPhone cameras can scan easily. Several options to be decided. Janie Delaney should have the digital versions of our yearbook; Bobbie will check with her. We should have minutes and annual yearbook information on our website. Laura indicated she has many of the yearbooks, at least 10 years, but they are hard copies.

Horticulture: Nancy Guldberg, Assistant: Heather Haeg no report

Membership, Nom. and Bylaws: Kate Bryant encouraged the nomination of new members, bring guests to meetings.

Photography: Anne Kaufman

A BIG THANK YOU: A big thanks to the 21 photographers who supported the fall projects by submitting photos for the Photo Note Card Sale and the Photo Gallery Exhibit at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. These projects were only made possible because of them, and they made each project successful! Thanks also go to the 36 members who purchased 128 sets of photo note cards. Their contribution to the LMGC's Scholarship Fund is deeply appreciated.

FINALIZING NUMBERS: Our numbers aren't finalized yet as we still need to see what credit card and postage charges are, but we did collect \$1 for each set ordered online to cover credit card charges and several members pre-paid postage. We also have several extra sets we hope to sell at the November 21 meeting. At this time, all checks that have been collected and receipts will be turned over to Mary Upjohn at Thursday's meeting. We are happy to report that we will be able to donate just over \$2,000 to the Scholarship Fund.

EXTRA PHOTO CARD SETS: We have several extra photo card sets available for purchase at the LMGC November 21 meeting. They are \$20 per set with the proceeds going to the club Scholarship Fund. Members can pay with cash, check, or credit card.

BE NOVEMBER MEETING: Our next scheduled Blooming Exposures meeting is **November 20 from 12:30-2 pm** at the Wayzata library. The photo card sets are bundled but we could use help

tying ribbons on the sets and bags. We will distribute them at the LMGC November 21 meeting. If you would like to help us add the finishing touches, please let me know.

Blooming Exposures will not be meeting in person December – April but I will be emailing the monthly newsletter with important information as well as monthly activities and challenges.

PHOTOGRAPHY SPEAKER SCHEDULED: Don Tredinnick has agreed to present at the July 2025 member meeting. Anna Lyon and Don are working on the venue. He will talk about culling your photos in preparation for World Photography Day on August 19th. Hopefully it will encourage members to enter their own photos at #WorldPhotographyDay.

Bobbie and Jean thanked Anne for her work with the photography group and for the support of the scholarship fund.

Programs: Connie Linder, Assistant: Anna Lyon As Jill mentioned Floral Design workshop coming up this Thursday. Also 1:00 PM general meeting....Melissa will lead the meeting and introduce Andrew Gapinski, the new Director who will talk about the Arboretum. Nancy and Mary will give their report on Shirley Meneice Conference held in September in Chicago.

Scholarship: Jean Dovenberg, Assistant: Larey Anne Swanson Deadline of Nov 27 for applications for the LMGC scholarship. Jean has had three personal contacts. She and Larey are thinking of extending the deadline for a few weeks to get all applications. Melissa suggested the deadline could be extended into December. No actual applications received so far, but applications usually come in the last day.

Associate Member Liaison: Kitty Petit no report

Endowment Fund Co-chairs: Mimi Keating, Mitzi Magid Mimi noted the passing of Barbara Savage LMGC President from 1984-86. Barbara joined the club in 1971. An announcement will be made to the membership and note sent to her family. When LMGC members die, a donation is made as a memorial gift to the Arboretum Knot Garden.

Endowment: Mitzi sent a letter to 45 members who have not donated showing what our club has done for the community and horticulture scholarships. Mitzi and Mimi will give an update at the November meeting. 63 members have donated; \$320,000 has been received so far with an additional \$44,000 in interest to date. The money will remain in the bank until 2027; to date \$506,000 in pledges. The upate at the November meeting is timely for year-end memorials. Reminders were also sent to members who had already pledged.

Bobbie gave an update on a recent meeting with club member Betsy Massie and Andrew Gapinski, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Director and Rebecca Haddad, Managing Director of Development. Arboretum group membership status has been eliminated, (the precious status of the LMGC). Bobbie and Betsy reminded Andrew of the many gifts and donations made by the LMGC in addition to the historical significance of the LMGC, including the land donation that started the Arboretum, the stone entryway and plaque. The LMGC is a founder and partner for starting the Arboretum and this is the recognition we seek. The LMGC will now be recognized as

a Founding Partner. We will continue to have access to the Arboretum to have a room or space anytime. It was not a goal to take advantage of this situation, we were seeking club recognition of as a partner with the Arboretum. Andrew suggested we explore our centennial gathering at the Arboretum. Bobbie received a letter confirming this new status along with the primary contacts: for meetings Avery Birt, Reservations Specialist; and gifts: Rebecca Haddad, Managing Director of Development at the Arboretum.

Bobbie thanked everyone for their leadership for the club and community; she wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 AM.

Minutes submitted by Mary Meyer.