

LMGC Board Meeting October 14, 2024

President Roberta Dressen called the Zoom meeting to order at 8:30AM and welcomed members.

In Attendance: Bobbie Dressen, Nancy Guldberg, Mary Meyer, Melissa Johnson, Anne Kaufman, Mitzi Magid, Kate Bryant, Jean Dovenberg, Connie Linder, Laura Inglis, Sara Pierson, Kimberly Walsh, Holly Adams, Lockie Markusen, Jill Pflaum.

Absent: Debbie Vorpahl, Mimi Keating, Meredith Howell, Mary Upjohn, Cherly Kelsey.

V. Pres: Melissa Johnson

Melissa met with 2 of 3 new club members at a luncheon with Bobbie. She is following up with the one member who could not attend.

Recording Secretary: Mary Meyer, Assistant Liz Weiner

Mary is connecting with Liz and will send the Sept and Oct Board minutes for final approval in November.

Treasurer: Mary Upjohn, Assistant Anne Kaufman

Mary sent the following for the October Board Mtg Treasurer's Report:

-We have \$26,197.93 in checking

-We have \$32,278.37 in savings

-Our operating expenses are tracking in line with our Budget.

Bobbie noted we have \$1,500 from the JMcLaughlin event for scholarships. Great feedback from JMcLaughlin, they loved having our club do the benefit event.

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

Laura needs a new address for Marna Fullerton. Melissa can help. Deb Bryant and Kate were sent sympathy cards for the passing of their mothers. Kate sent the club a wonderful thank you note. Deb Bryant also sent a thank you note to LMGC thanking us for the donation to the Arboretum knot garden in memory of her mother-in-law.

Chairs:

Awards: Sara Pierson, Assistant Shelly McGinnis

Sara is working with Bobbie and Kate on awards.

Communications: Kimberly Walsh, Assistant: Lynne O'Reilly

Kimberly posted the LMGC Associates trip to Lavender Farm on the GCA Connect website. Let Kimberly know of any news with any committee work.

Civic Imp & Dept Garden: Lockie Markusen

Depot Garden will be closing soon! Lockie is organizing for 2025; we will need more funding for plants for 2025 and pruning on crabapple is needed.

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

Holly announced that on Wed Nov 6 a conservation study conference is happening, open to all GCA members, see: [Great Yellowstone Eco-system](#).

Floral Design: Jill Pflaum, Assistant; Maddie Frecon

Jill is set for the November meeting with holiday design. Meredith and Betsy from Ross Farm are coming for demonstrations at the Arboretum including the luncheon. Announcement will be going out soon. Previously this was capped at 30 people. Jill asked if we could take more as the room will accommodate more. Nancy will change the online sign up to 35.

Garden History and Design & Visiting Gardens: Cheryl Kelsey, Assistant: Tammy Hansen
no report

Historian: Meredith Howell
no report

Horticulture: Nancy Guldberg, Assistant: Heather Haeg

Nancy and Mary Meyer had a wonderful time at Shirley Meneice Conference at Chicago Botanic Garden. The conference highlighted the importance of trees. Nancy and Mary will give a report on the conference at the November club meeting.

Membership, Nom. and Bylaws: Kate Bryant

Membership ideas are coming in, send more to Kate; she is finalizing the number of new members we can have next year. Any changes to the bylaws, please send to Kate, so we have an up-to-date bylaws. Smithsonian garden documentation of Kelley and Kelley is coming.

Photography: Anne Kaufman

Anne's report:

We are in the midst of our fall photography projects. On September 25, we hosted a hands-on workshop on mounting photos and mounted 15 8x10 in photos for our flat lay gallery exhibit coming up at the October 17 meeting. Eight members attended.

The photo note card sale has generated \$1000 to date for 50 sets of cards. Several members have donated \$32 to just the scholarship fund. A reminder email will go out today for the October 20 deadline and order forms will be handed out at the October 17 meeting.

On Tuesday October 15 five of us will hang the gallery exhibit. We have invited the other 10 exhibitors to view the exhibit after 5pm. Afterward we will be going to Lord Fletcher's for happy hour to celebrate.

Here is an updated timeline of important dates for these projects:

October 17 at the general meeting, hand out order forms & last call for ordering note cards.

October 20 is the deadline for orders.

November 21 the note cards will be distributed at the general meeting. We will deliver to those not in attendance.

One more item: Anna Lyon and I are already working on a photography speaker for one of next year's meetings. Although that should be the responsibility of next year's photography chair, since Photography does not have an assistant that moves up, that person has not been nominated yet. However, plans are already underway for next year's meetings. That happen to me my first year. By the time I was elected, it was too late to plan a photography meeting for that year. That's why we didn't have one that year. So, I propose that under the existing board structure, that the current photography chair work with the incoming program chair on a photography meeting for the following year. The incoming photography chair would then plan the meeting for the next chair, and so forth. That would allow the new chair to more time to plan for a speaker and the club would be able to maintain the expectation that one of its monthly meetings would be devoted to photography.

Board discussion agreed it makes good sense for this recommendation from Anne. All agreed Anne has done an amazing job with leading the photography work for our club. Although she admitted she not a pro and only uses her iphone!!! And help comes from all of us.

Anne reported that Mary Jo Hoffman (author of the book STILL and speaker at our May 2024 club meeting) had a house fire that destroyed her studio and home. A heartbreaking event. Mary Jo is doing a workshop at the Arb later this month.

Programs: Connie Linder, Assistant: Anna Lyon

Thursday's program at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts is exciting. Roxanne Heaton will lead a tour at 12:30-1:00PM of the Art Center. Members of the St Paul Garden Club and Amy Murphy, the GCA Zone XI Photography Rep., will join us. Connie posts [all our meetings on our club link on the GCA website](#); which then appear on the [GCA Calendar](#). The GCA rep for programs, Alden Pflager, contacted Connie and is interested in the Green Burial program we had in August. Alden wanted the speaker to be added to the [GCA speakers bureau](#). This topic was also recently covered in an article in the Star Tribune. Congrats on LMGC and Connie on creative programing!

Connie will introduce the speaker for this week's meeting, then conclude the meeting with a preview of November meeting.

Scholarship: Jean Dovenberg, Assistant: Larey Anne Swanson

Great revenue from the JM event has already been mentioned. Thanks to all! U of M is posting our scholarship announcement. Jean will be calling faculty at various schools to remind them of the scholarship application. Nancy asked if all the scholarship materials are current online in our website. Jean will connect with Nancy to confirm.

Associate Member Liaison: Kitty Petit
no report

Endowment Fund Co-chairs: Mimi Keating, Mitzi Magid

No report from Mimi, she and Mitzi will share endowment news in November. Mitzi shared the

[calendar link](#) on the GCA website where you can see what other clubs are doing and get ideas for programs. Thanks to Connie for posting our programs. Aden Pflager, Zone XI Program Rep. is the person to contact for any questions on programs, esp for our zone. All [GCA scholars](#) are on the GCA website, including the [recipients from our zone](#). Many of these scholars have spoken to clubs. Hazel Schrader, from the U of M Twin Cities is the national GCA winner of the Montine Freeman Scholarship in Native Plant Studies and could be a possible speaker for our club at upcoming meetings. Jean has previously mentioned Hazel as she was one of the “almost winners” for our club scholarship.

Bobbie announced that the Executive Committee will be addressing dues and increased costs for the club. The Depot Garden and higher costs for programs are something we must address. We need to look at options and determine what changes are necessary. Melissa asked when the dues were last increased. No immediate answer. Mitzi can share the dues across our zone.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 AM

Minutes submitted by Mary Meyer.