

September 16, 2024 LMGC Board Meeting via Zoom

Attending: Bobbie Dressen, Ann Kaufman, Kate Bryant, Jean Dovenberg, Connie Linder, Holly Adams, Mary UpJohn, Laura Inglis, Mitzi Magid, Lockie Markusen, Jill Pflaum, Elizabeth Weiner, Sara Pierson, Debbie Vorpahl, Mimi Keating

Not present: Mary Meyer, Melissa Johnson, Kimberly Walsh, Nancy Guldborg

President Roberta Dressen called the meeting to order at 8:30. She asked for announcements for the September 19 member meeting.

V. Pres: Melissa Johnson no report

Recording Secretary: Assistant Liz Weiner asked for a motion to approve the August 12, 2024 LMGC Board meeting minutes (with changes made prior to meeting). Motion made by Connie Linder and seconded by Jill Pflaum.

Treasurer: Mary Upjohn, Assistant Anne Kaufman- Checking account balance \$26,263; \$32,277 in savings. Mary said we are tracking on budget and still have a few member dues outstanding.

Corresponding Sec & Club Admin: Laura Inglis, Assistant Dustin Macgregor- Nothing to report.

**Chairs:**

Awards: Sara Pierson, Assistant Shelly McGinnis- Sara noted that she is getting interest with award nominations and to keep them coming!

Communications: Kimberly Walsh, Assistant Lynne O'Reilly- No report

Civic Improvement and Depot Garden: Lockie Markusen- Lockie said the garden is looking good. Still no signs of scale. Lots of deadheading and watering taking place, especially with the annuals and perennials that were planted to add a little more interest, as we wait to have a better understanding of long-term plan for the garden/space. She is grateful for the consistent involvement and help from Mimi this summer.

Cons and Nat Affairs: Holly Adams, Assistant Ellen Phelps - Holly met with our Zone rep, Sandy Law and dates for NAL are confirmed as 3/23-3/25/2025

Floral Design: Jill Pflaum, Assistant Maddie Frecon- no report

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

Historian: Meredith Howell- Meredith will be bringing clip board to Thursday member meeting for Lake Minnetonka Historical Society sign up. Months especially needing help are February and April. Meredith also mentioned her fabulous experience at the Big Island tour- amazing history!

Horticulture: Nancy Guldborg, Assistant: Heather Haeg- no report

Membership, Nom. And Bylaws: Kate Bryant- Kate encouraged our membership to bring a guest to a member meeting, who might be interested in LMGC. This winter she will be focusing on new membership ideas.

Photography: Anne Kaufman- We are well on our way with the photo notecards project- 50+ photos were submitted and 24 photos were chosen (from 16 members) to use for the cards. There will be three packs of eight. A flyer will be distributed at the September 19 meeting with details for the notecard sale. There will be 20 photos from 8 LMGC members for the large gallery exhibit at Minnetonka Center for the Arts, featuring a special display of 12-14 flat lay compositions- very exciting! Anne is so pleased with the number of members participating in these photography initiatives.

Cont. Important dates-

9/25 Blooming Exposures is offering a workshop on mounting photos.

10/17 Order forms will be handed out at the member meeting- LAST CALL for ordering note cards

10/20- deadline for all orders

11/21- note cards will be distributed at member meeting. Cards will be delivered to those not in attendance.

Programs: Connie Linder, Assistant: Anna Lyon- We have 35 RSVPs for member meeting program with Marilyn Garber, to discuss her work with the Eloise Butler Garden and her botanical paintings. Looking ahead to the October meeting- will be at the Minnetonka Art Center, with master gardener Michelle Mero Riedel and an opportunity to see LMGC photos displayed in gallery. We are inviting MAC members, as well.

Scholarship: Jean Dovenberg, Assistant: Larry Anne Swanson- Jean is updating the contact list of colleges and Universities in Minnesota that would be helpful with regards to scholarship applicants and include advertisement for LMGC scholarship in newsletter. There was also a hearty discussion about whether to focus on graduate students vs undergraduates, if we had to choose one or the other. There was a general consensus that we would be able to continue to offer scholarship money to both- but an important

conversation to continue. It also emphasizes the importance of the LMGC endowment funds. Last year we gave \$3,000 to graduate and \$2,000 to undergraduate students. It was noted that there are about 25 GCA national scholarship available.

Associate Member Liaison: Kitty Petit- no report

Endowment Fund Co-chairs : Mimi Keating, Mitzi Magid- There will be a larger report in October and/or November. Mimi and Mitzi are also discussing ways to give in honor of a friend.

Ways and Means: Debby Vorpahl- We are all set for our “Sip and Shop” at JMcLaughlin on 9/25. Sales generated from LMGC members and friends from a few days before and after the event will also be included in our total sales number. JMcLaughlin will donate 15% of those sales for LMGC scholarship funds.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Melissa Johnson- no report

The meeting adjourned at 9:10

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Weiner