

District 2B Presidents Meeting

January, 2023 @4:45 – 5:45 PM Zoom

Attended:

Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Brighton Michigan Garden Club
Agnes Cairns, Dewitt Millennium Garden Club
Joan Lenhard, Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Alice Schneider, Marshall Area Garden Club
Diann Jackman, Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club
Barb Sears, Meridian Garden Club
Julie Hath, Webberville Garden Club
Jolanta Piecuch, District IIB Steering Committee, Awards and Flower Shows and Williamston Red Center Garden Club
Ronnie Polad, District IIB Steering Committee Treasurer & Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Terry Such, District IIB Steering Committee (Newsletter) and Howell Garden Club
Nita Campbell, District IIB Steering Committee, (Weebly and Facebook) and Meridian Garden Club
Nancy Ryan, MGC 1st VP
Monica Taylor, MGC President
Lisa Robinson, VP Elect, MGC
Noreen Weitkamp, Hartland Garden Club
Deb Plichta, Looking Glass Garden Club

Meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday, until Jun 22, 2023

This is a recurring meeting set for the 3rd Wednesday of each month. 03:30 – 4:30 for SC and 4:45 – 5:45 for Presidents. All Clubs' officers and Steering Committee members are invited to attend both meetings. **Please remember to include members of your club, especially those who will be your new officers. If a President or VP cannot attend, please feel free to have another club member represent your club. It is a good way to introduce members to leadership conversations and activities.**

Minutes:

MGC is in the process of working on a member resources page on their website. More news to come on that. A team across the state will work together to identify what needs to be made available to members (things that are not already there)

Welcome & Introductions.

Please check the names on my address list at the top of this agenda. Let me know if you have officer changes. The list of invitees will receive invitations to our meetings in the future.

- Roll Call – Type your name and club into the Chat Box. New Presidents, please introduce yourself and answer these questions: “What topics do you want to discuss at the Spring Leadership Meeting?” We are asked to pick 2-3 topics that are “areas of pain” or of high interest for your clubs. From the list below, pick 2 topics of your choice.
 - The top 3 topics chosen were:
 - ✚ Engaging the younger members who have full-time jobs.
 - ✚ Recruiting and grooming leaders/Filling leadership positions
 - ✚ Projects, Programs, Workshops – Activities that really stand out.
 - Carol will send Carol McGregor the list of topics for her Presidents to choose what they want to address.

Director's Notes:

- Past meeting minutes presented and will be posted on D2B website.
- District Budget – Ronnie's updates
- 2023 Spring Leadership Meeting Budget – Ronnie's status report
 - Approximately \$20 per person to attend.
- 2023 Fall Meeting Budget – Tentative date is Oct. 12th. More information to come.
- Website
 - Updates are being completed by Nita Campbell and Terry Such
 - Finding things easier on the website is our goal.
 - Please complete the survey and mail it back to Carol. Carol will help Nita continue website changes.
- Reminders:
 - Garden Marker Sales - Orders may be placed with Ronnie Polad. Ronnie will order 200 more markers this year and this year, the markers price will increase for the groups which are not MGC Members. The cost will remain the same for clubs. Clubs who want markers provide plant names (common and

botanical) and Ronnie takes your money and Sue W. makes the labels. Either Sue or Ronnie will get them to you.

- MGC Conference to be held in Grand Rapids, June 6 & 7, 2023 (promo to begin in January 2023)

Statewide Events and Announcements

- Denise Clegg has requested that D2B consider hosting the Landscaping School in 2023. **Decision to commit to hosting will be dependent on finding 4 committee members and a host club, a chairperson, and location. So far, Deb Plichta and Joan Lenhard are interested in working on the committee.**
- MGC's Morning Member Meetings – Remind members of these ZOOM presentations.
 - First and Third Fridays of each month, listed on MGC website (review where to find recordings of past presentations). The recordings of the Member Meetings are really good to use for clubs' presentations (a great way to replace a cancelled presenter).
 - MGC Website – member side to have a list of resources for programming. Remember to submit presenters.

District Events

- Spring Leadership Meeting – April 25th Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing, Michigan 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- 2023 Fall District Meeting – (location tbd); can we confirm Oct. 12th? After site visits, we can decide on the date.

Reminders:

- Clubs may add their events to D2B website calendar. Fundraiser information can be posted on D2B website.
- Clubs with upcoming special events – please post to website manager, Nita C. She can add events to the calendar and provide front page announcements for special events.
- Newsletter (questions, comments, and edits?). The featured club will be Greater Lansing Garden Club. Articles must come into Terry by February 15th.
- Club Member Meetings – Invite MGC leadership and District Director to help members get to know their state and district leadership team.
- Monica reminded members wanting to get into the member side of MGC website. Use member as the ID and PW is mgcgrows
- Presidents and Clubs of Distinction Reports are due by March 1 and the January 13 Member Meeting that was recorded is a good resource for learning how to complete your report.

Next Meetings –

2023

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July – on vacation

August 16