

District 2B Presidents Meeting

Oct. 18, 2022 @4:45 – 5:45 PM Zoom

Attended:

Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Brighton Michigan Garden Club
Dionna Guy, Brighton Michigan Garden Club
Joan Lenhard, Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Janice Thelen, Looking Glass Garden Club
Alice Schneider, Marshall Area Garden Club
Barb Sears, Meridian Garden Club
Julie Hath, Webberville 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

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: “How are you using D2B website in your communications?”
 - Lynn O'Shaughnessy -Brighton is not using it that much. New members might want to look at Interest Groups. The website address is in the club newsletter.
 - Alice Schneider– Marshall Area GC includes website and login information in the member yearbook. All members can easily access the websites with information given in the book.
 - Janice Thelen – Looking Glass GC is not using the website much. Their club looks at the newsletter and meetings to pull information from.
 - Joan Leonard – Greater Lansing GC – January's member program is going to include a website tour and show members where to find things.
 - Barb Sears – Meridian GC provides information in their newsletter. The Awards Committee uses the MGC and District websites to find information about Awards and Grants. The yearbook has website information. Their club is considering if a website tour is possible at the club's meeting.
 - Clubs are encouraged to provide a website tour to members. New members need to get an overview of what is offered.
 - Ronnie suggested that going to MGC website to be sure that we have the most recent forms for awards applications, budgets, etc.
 - Nita and Carol to work on a survey to help evaluate the use of the website and discuss improvements.

Director's Notes:

- Past meeting minutes presented and will be posted on D2B website.
- 2023 Fall District Meeting was well attended. We had 136 attendees. 11 clubs participated. The \$2,145.35 surplus will be split between MGC, D2B and the host club. Howell GC needs to be recognized for their fabulous work.
- District Budget – What to include for 2022-2023? (Printer, Interest Group expenses, Logo wear, plant markers, speaker fees for District Meetings)
- Fall Meeting Budget in the hands of Ronnie Polad, District Treasurer, Janice Thelen, Looking Glass GC and Cindy Langenberg, Grand Ledge GC. Terry offered her help with marketing. (Newsletter, FB pages and special email campaigns). The date needs to be locked down. The date is pending on the meeting site. Janice will invite us to the meeting with Cindy Langenberg and the planning committee.
- Spring Meeting Budget). Submit proposed budget items by November 1.
- Website:
 - Interest Groups – post events on D2B website, where members can find activities
 - Club Listings and events on D2B website are out of date. Nita and Carol to meet to plan revisions.
 - Terry Such offered her help with changing the website.

- Reminders:
 - Garden Marker Sales Flyer was sent out. Orders may be placed with Ronnie Polad. Ask the question if we need to reorder supplies (markers and labels).
 - Presenters – submit good presenter’s information to include on our District resource list.

Big Needs:

- Next MGC Conference to be held in Grand Rapids, June 6 & 7, 2023 (promo to begin in January 2023)
- D2B Spring Leadership Meeting topics that we need to discuss (review of last year’s summary submitted by Nancy Ryan). We are asked to pick 2-3 topics that are “areas of pain” or of high interest for your clubs.

Statewide Events and Announcements

- MGC’s Yearbook judging is all set, and we have 8 clubs that submitted. Dewitt, Marshall, Williamston, Howell, Brighton, Meridian, Greater Lansing, and Grand Ledge.
- 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)
- Mark your club calendars for the MGC Conference on June 6-7.
- MGC Website – member side has a new list of resources for programming.
- Regional Conference Update – November agenda

District Updates

- Spring Leadership Meeting – April 25th (location tbd)
- 2023 Fall District Meeting – October 10 or 12th (location tbd)
- Interest Groups – Keep posted on current events on the D2B Website Calendar. Contact Nita Campbell, Website page manager- nitacpm@comcast.net.
- 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?). Marshall is the Featured club - Terry Such

Next Meetings –

2022

December 21 (may be canceled based on need)

2023

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July – on vacation

August 16