

District 2B Presidents Meeting

November 16, 2022 @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

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

Nita Campbell, District IIB Steering Committee, (Weebly and Facebook) and Meridian Garden Club

Nancy Ryan, MGC 1st VP

Monica Taylor, MGC President

Denise Clegg

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. Presidents to consider major club challenges or “areas of pain.”
 - Engaging the younger members who have full time jobs
 - Recruiting and grooming leaders
 - Filling the treasurer position
 - Helping new leaders to help club transition to do things differently (e.g. 911 and COVID made all of us all do things differently. New programs that are just different, can generate fresh ways to do things).
 - How to engage younger members to do the work older members struggle to do
 - Member recruitment and engagement (include member on-boarding)
 - Club projects
 - How to keep up with what the MGC wants us to do. Trying to keep up with MGC requirements (Monica would like to discuss this topic further. MGC does not want to tell clubs how to run their activities.)

Denise Clegg presented what it takes to host a landscape school and has requested that D2B host our next school.

1. The host club plans the local portion (venue, food, local instructors, organizing chair, registrar, instructor coordinator)
2. Payments run through MGC (Ronnie P.)
3. Brochures are generated through the MGC – online marketing and forms.
4. Recorded tests and results go through the club and to NGC
5. Hosting clubs can decide to run it remotely, in person and hybrid. You have up to two years to complete the school for all level courses.
6. The local planning, the state works with NGC to keep track of credentials.
7. Carol sent the link to explain how to host the schools.
8. There is a 50-50 split between MGC and the host club.
9. \$635 was made at the last Landscape school.
10. There is a focus on making these school reasonable to bring the numbers up

We will discuss the Landscape school and let Denise know if we will consider hosting.

Director's Notes:

- Past meeting minutes presented and will be posted on D2B website.
- District Budget – What to include for 2022-2023? (Printer, Interest Group expenses, Logo wear, plant markers, speaker fees for District Meetings)
- Plant markers need to be purchased and Ronnie to look at price break. Continue offering plant markers.
 - All clubs can order markers through Ronnie and Sue Whittick will make the labels.
- 2023 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, pending site choice. The Planning Committee met November 8th and both clubs have started putting the event planning in motion.
- Spring Meeting Budget). Submit proposed budget items by December 1.
 - Send out Save the Date notification. Formal invitation to go out in February.
- Website:
 - Interest Groups – Group Leaders can 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. Do 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)

Statewide Events and Announcements.

- Michigan received the Central Region Awards that came with \$50 awards. Michigan and Illinois did the best.
- 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 to have a list of resources for programming.
- Regional Conference Update – November agenda by Monica (opt.)

District Updates

- Spring Leadership Meeting – April 25th (location tbd)
- 2023 Fall District Meeting – October 10 or 12th (location tbd)
 - Theme is "Fall Rocks in Michigan"
- Interest Groups – Keep posted on current events on the D2B Website Calendar. Contact Nita Campbell, Website page manager- nitacpm@comcast.net.
 - Nita puts it on the events calendar and posts it to the Club's page info.
- 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.
- Discussion on how to feel that MGC is putting too much into the clubs to do. It is more a matter of making all members aware that there are benefits and offerings open to them outside of the regular club business.
- Monica T. thanked our District decorations that were given as gifts to MGC leadership that were used at the Fall District Meeting. Very much appreciated.
- Club Member Meetings – Invite MGC leadership and District Director to help members get to know their state and district leadership team.

Next Meetings –

2023

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July – on vacation

August 16