

District 2B Presidents Meeting

February 16, 2022 @4:45 – 5:45 PM Zoom

Attended:

Nola Hogge, Brighton Michigan Garden Club
Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Brighton Michigan Garden Club
Deb Logsdon, Dewitt Millennium Garden Club
Joan Lehnard, Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Mary Lou Dell, Howell Garden Club
Janice Thelen: thelenjanice@hotmail.com , Looking Glass Garden Club
Alice Schneider, Marshall Area Garden Club
Julie Hath, Webberville Garden Club
Sally Hedin, Williamston Red Center Garden Club
Monica Taylor, MGC, 1st VP and President Elect and
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 VP

Minutes:

Welcome & Introductions.

- Roll Call – Type your name and club into the Chat Box. Roll call with the question, “What presenters has presented to your club in the last 2 years that you really liked?”
- Each club officer present introduced themselves and gave an overview of what their clubs’ programs and presentations. The Clubs of Distinction and President’s Report is due on March 1 and these programs should be included on the list that is on the Award form.

Big Needs:

- President’s Report & Club of Distinction – Deadline for submission is March 1. Need help? Call me or watch the Friday Morning Member Meetings’ recording about this award on MGC website.
- MGC Conference – Silent Auction Baskets, Vendors, Advertisers, and Sponsors for June 8-9, 2022. See attached Club Assignment list for your club’s responsibilities.
 - There are many questions on the form that we are using for the MGC Conference. We need to review the forms and edit the most recent form and repost a new form. The form will go into SharePoint and sent out to the Presidents.
 - Alice will oversee accepting the forms and payments go to Ronnie.
 - Advertising will be put into a template with Nita’s help.
 - Alice needs to have clarification to do her work and to be of help to us.
 - Carol, Alice, Nita, Ann, and Ronnie to produce a revised form this next week and re-distribute. Carol to set a meeting about this form.
 - Next MGC Annual Conference Planning Date – March 15, 10:00 AM via zoom. All Conference Planning Meetings will be on the MGC Zoom link. Carol will keep this the same from now on. All clubs can send a representative to attend the meeting. We will be discussing club responsibilities.
 - Carol needs to make the change on the Club assignment list to include Greater Lansing Garden Club on the June 8th MSU evening function.
 - Lynn said that we have four paid vendors. 9 or 10 vendors are pending. There are twenty spaces. The keynote speaker wanted four tables. Lynn said that he could have four tables if he pays for four tables. Clubs have sent forms out to other vendors. Spots are filling. Lynn said there was not deadline on applying for being a vendor.
 - Vendors will have to unload and set up themselves. We do not have the manpower to help vendors. The hotel has carts that can be used.
 - Vendor fee is \$50. Table, skirting, chair, wastebasket, WIFI, electrical. \$22 lunch can be purchased.
- Facebook and club websites – Review of FB Page and Groups

- Posting the District 2B Facebook page must be done by an administrator. Administrators can share things that they find on a Club's FB page. If a club does not have page, they can post news for the Club to share with D2B. Send the news to an administrator.
- Spring District Meeting – District 6 has agreed to invite District 2B to their meeting planned for April 23, 2022, at The Commission on Aging, 2200 S. Lincoln Road in Mt. Pleasant. This meeting will be planned to cover Leadership topics. All club officers and potential officers are invited. Cost is \$25 for treats, lunch, and beverages. Watch for registration form for your clubs by March 7th.
 - Attendees should know that this is a Leadership learning opportunity. Officers and potential officers should deal with getting familiar with the Club officer work.
 - Nancy Ryan emphasized it is a sharing of best practices, with topics to cover:
 - Member recruiting and retention
 - Officer leadership recruitment
 - Best use of social media
 - Managing meetings.
- Date for D2B Fall Meeting is October 11th, 2022, hosted by Howell Garden Club. Howell has selected a venue. If things work out, it will be at the 1st United Methodist Church on Bower Street.

Statewide Events and Announcements

- MGC's Morning Member Meetings – Remind members of these ZOOM presentations
 - Feb. 18 Grow and Share Grant – New opportunities – Gail Taggart
 - March 4, Raised Bed Gardening & Design Construction – Sue Newman
 - Presidents can also remind members that these presentations are recorded and can viewed at any time.

District Updates

- SIGs – Keep your events posted on Weebly Calendar. Contact LaNita Campbell, Weebly page manager- nitacpm@comcast.net
- Flower Shows and Symposium – Carol sent out forms for members to sign up to host the Flower Show. We need volunteers to come. They get a free pass to the Home and Garden Show for hosting. Hosting duties and instructions were sent out to clubs.
 - They are still looking for entries for the design groups and horticulture display. Houseplants and clippings from any plant. Entries can be brought in by someone else from your club. The plant or clipping needs the cards completed and that comes in with your entries.
 - Carol reminded Presidents to bring in their club information, marketing materials and business cards to share with those who may be interested in obtaining club information.
 - Urge members to get involved with the Flower Show.

Next Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 4:45 PM

- March 16, 2022
- April 20, 2022
- May 18, 2022
- June 15, 2022