

District IIB Steering Committee

February 16, 2022, 3:30 – 4:30 PM Zoom

Attended: Carol Grainger, Ronalee Polad, Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Terry Such, Nita Campbell, Nancy Ryan, Monica Taylor, Alice Schneider, Deb Plichta

Minutes

Past Meeting Minutes – Records stored on District IIB website

Lynn O. made two corrections to the Minutes from January. The word Daffodil is misspelled, and the FB Chart in the President's Meeting has Facebook Groups Page – strike the word Page because they are Groups, not a page. Corrections will be made and posted to our website.

Treasurer's Report – Ronnie P. 2022 Budget has been approved.

Tracking events and responsibilities:

- Awards and Flower Show news – Jolanta
 - Carol Reported – The Orchid Show dates are posted on website, on the FB and in the newsletter.
 - The March Home and Garden Show at MSU – we are looking for volunteers to host the Flower Show at this event. Working as hosts is fun and it is easy, plus, you can attend the Home and Garden Show for free. Members are asked to work a 3-hour shift.
 - There is a display table for information about clubs.
Events: 2022 MGC Annual Conference next meeting time and date (March 15, 10:00 AM via Zoom– Ann Schoals. The sign-in for those meetings will be the Zoom Meeting <https://migardenclubs-org.zoom.us/j/86091472456?pwd=WXYZTdwNTRrSINLN2ZjcExUc0xzUT09>
Meeting ID: 912-729-4983
PW: mgcmeets
- Carol will invite all Clubs' assigned tasks to send a representative to the next planning meetings so they become more familiar with the task they have been assigned. We must get a lot done in the next couple of months.
- Next meeting will focus on the registration process and the club task assignments. Task tracking of things that need to be done will be covered.
- Conference Planning Meeting – Task Tracking and Club Assignment List provided
- Schools/Education – Ann Schoals (absent) there is no updated news. What we have posted in the newsletter and on the website should also be shared on the FB Page.
- Special Interest Groups – Postings on FB and website
 - Members of a Groups page can post to the Group; however, FB Page is more restrictive. Members who are not administrators cannot post to the page. Any club that has a FB page, they can share their news to the Groups (if they are members).
 - People posting to the D2B Page, the post goes to some obscure place. Lynn O. has found this to be the case and moved appropriately to the page. Members who want to post to the Page, they should send the information to one of the Administrators. D2B Admins are Lynn, Ronnie, Carol, and adding Nita. Remove Laura Gayle as administrator because she wants to be taken off District 2B assignments. Remove Debbie Richards as editor and leave Jolanta on as editor.
 - Ronnie says that she follows other Club's FB pages, and she shares to the district whenever possible.

- Website Transition updates
 - Member Meetings, right now, our District is using a free version. There is money in the budget if we need to add security settings for some of our pages. For now, there is nothing in the budget for Weebly.
 - MGC Annual Conference page on District 2B website is for 2020 conference. Forms and documents need to be updated on our website.
- Newsletter – Terry Such
 - Using MGC’s Constant Contact account. How did that go?
 - Terry will add Monica and Nancy to the D2B newsletter distribution list.
 - Terry uses the NCG, MGC, and all the Club FB pages to gather information. Terry noticed that some District where events are posted, she suggested that the events should be most current posted at the top and as you scroll down the list, the events will be older. Terry had noted that in information on flower shows, the dates go from old to new scrolling down.

Steering Committee tasks/assignments notes:

August 9-10 is the Tri-Fresher. This should be posted on the school’s page.

Deb Plichta is updating the lists for judges, consultants, and speakers. The Gardening, Environmental Consultant lists are good, and the Landscape is still needing work.

How do we want to post this on our website and FB Page? Ronnie suggested that Tri-Fresher and Symposium should be posted as events. Carol to call Deb Plichta about these postings.

Ronnie reminded to ask Presidents to submit horticulture entries to this year’s Flower Show.

Ronnie suggested that Carol meet with her about updating the D2B Display for the Garden Show. Carol can update displays for use at the Show and the MGC Conference.

Future Meetings – all scheduled for 3:30 – 4:30 PM Zoom

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