

## District 2B Presidents Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

6:30 – 8:00pm

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### Attended:

Carol Grainger, District Director of 2B, Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club

Janice Thelen, Looking Glass Garden Club

Shara Grachek, Looking Glass Garden Club

Deborah Logsdon, Dewitt Millennium Garden Club

Julie Hath, Webberville Garden Club

Jolanta Piecuch, District IIB Steering Committee, Awards and Flower Shows and Williamston Red Center Garden Club

Nola Hogge, Brighton Garden Club

Joan Lehnard, Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Cindy Langenberg, Grand Ledge Garden Club

Karla Love, Marshall Garden Club

Debra Plichta, Looking Glass Garden Club, Grand Ledge

Diann Jackman, Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club

Wendy Turner, Howell Garden Club

Monica Taylor, MGC, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and President Elect and

Janet Hickman, MGC, President and The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City

Laura Grainger, MGC, Technology Chair, DIIB Steering Committee, Technology and Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club

Rose Houk, MGC & DeWitt Millennium 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

Debbie Richards, District IIB Steering Committee (Newsletter and Facebook) and Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club

Peggy Bryson, District IIB Steering Committee, (Weebly) and Meridian Garden Club

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

### Minutes

#### Welcome & Introductions.

- Roll Call – Type your name and club into the Chat Box. Open mic roll call with the question – “What are you doing to prepare for live meetings in 2021?”
- Some clubs have already started to meet live with members observe the mask rule and distancing. Others will begin meeting in May and June unless there is a change in CDC recommendations. With vaccinated members and observances of the CDC recommendations, it is considered safe to begin activities that allow members to meet in person and teams to work together. Most clubs are scheduling events outside or in large open spaces that allow for safe meetings.

#### Big Needs (Requested by Carol Grainger):

- Presidents Memorial list for each club. MGC will be doing a memorial slideshow during the MGC Annual Conference. They are asking for a complete list of members who have passed away since our

last live conference in 2019. They would like the following information: Name, Date of Death and Club Name (image is optional).

- Presidents are asked to consider submitting names of potential members who could serve on MGC's Nominating Committee. We need 2 members from our District. It is not confirmed that we have Jean Goetz on the Committee.
- Delegates (Delegates by proxy). Every club is entitled to 2 voting delegates for the MGC Annual Conference. If the Club has more than 50 members, they get 1 additional delegate per 50 members. The call for delegates was sent out by David Drain and needs to be submitted by May 1, 2021. If a club cannot be represented at the MGC Conference, then it may assign its delegate spots to another club by completing a voting by proxy. The MGC elects officers and votes on bylaw changes and will need a quorum to accept the budget, approve bylaw changes and elect officers on June 2, 2021.
- Committee for MGC Annual Conference in June 2022 (MGC + D2B committee members work together). This is something to be thinking about and find members from each club to take a part in the planning and hosting of this event. More on this in future meetings.
- Youth Programs – A communications leader for the District to help Ronnie Dush. Carol G asks for a point person from each club, if they have members working on any projects involving youth. There are some questions on how we safely work with children and still support programs that involve them. We want to continue exchanging ideas on how others are managing their programs and how we model after the best practices.
- Future President's Meetings: Carol G proposed that future President's meetings be moved to an earlier time to immediately follow the Steering Committee meetings. The Steering Committee decided to move their meetings to 3:30 (to accommodate a one-hour time frame) and then those on the SC that wish to join in on the President's meeting could take a 15–30-minute break and then join in on the 5:00 – 6:00 (or possibly 6:30) meeting. Most agreed to that arrangement and Wendy Turner said she may be just a little late because of her work schedule. The May meeting will be moved to the new time frame.

#### Statewide Events and Announcements

- Monday Morning Member Meetings – MGC continues to offer the Monday Morning Meetings. Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> presentation will be on African Violets with Jolanta Piecuch. All were reminded to keep track and attend the meetings or watch the recorded presentations.
- Gardening School – Course II is filled for April 28 - April 29
- Environmental School Course 3 -postponed until Sept. 8 & 9, 2021
- June 1-3 MGC 90th Annual Conference (Zoom) Presidents are asked to PUSH member registrations for MGC Annual Conference  
Some of the highlights will include:  
Doug Tallamy "Natures Best Hope" and Stacy Hirvela, Marketing Manager with Spring Meadow Nursery (a Proven Winners Flowering Shrubs - the largest and best-known woody plant liner providers in North America)  
Janet Macunovich – Planting Well (Trees)  
Kay Charter – Backyard Birds
- There is a big push to put Youth Gardening programs:
  - List Youth programs and projects on the District 2B website. Each club has a page, and the Youth programs can be listed there. Carol would like to know the lead person for each club that handles Youth programs/projects.
- Also, if clubs have Pollinator Gardens listed on the National Registry, please post that on the Club's (D-2B Weebly) page.
- Club Rosters – Janet Hickman said that the Rosters with instructions will be going out in May to District Directors. From there, the District Director will send them out to each club's roster manager. Since many clubs will have officer changes, it is important to pass this responsibility on to the next President (or roster manager) to make sure the membership updates are completed.
- Send Club brochures and marketing materials to DD (e-files or paper) for central library/document collection. Carol asks to have clubs send in (paper or electronic) any club brochure or marketing piece to

keep on file in the District document library. The electronic versions could be stored on the Club's page (on the D2B Weebly site).

#### District Updates

- Need each clubs FB and/or website addresses on Weebly (please check your listing)
  - District 2B Weebly Page Club holds information for each club. We would like to see your link to your website and/or Facebook page listed on your Club listing. This is a great resource for members in our District to find information about other clubs. For the District Director is a library of facts that can be used when collecting information for reports and learning about each clubs' officers, meeting information, programs, and activities.
  - Keep your events posted on District @B Weebly Calendar. Contact Peggy Bryson or Nita Campbell, our page managers- [plbryso@gmail.com](mailto:plbryso@gmail.com) and [nitacpm@comcast.net](mailto:nitacpm@comcast.net)
  - There was some discussion on platform, design software and hosting options for building a website. Some recommendations were made, and Ronnie Polad said that she would be open to assist others on getting website pages started.
- ZOOM training – Clubs that still need help on Zoom, please contact C. Grainger. Help each other and feel free to hold your committee meetings and practice. The Zoom tech training series is over but if you need help, there are some tutorials that can be viewed. Going forward, even with live, face-to-face meetings, Zoom is still a great tool to meet. The usefulness of Zoom will not go away. Each club should appoint 2 people in their club to be the Zoom account managers. They can be trained and given the log-in information. Laura G. said that she is available to help people figure it out and if you are stuck, give me a call or shoot her an email for help.
- Technology options are available to clubs that are 501(c)(3). Many software and internet services are heavily discounted or free to us through TechSoup. If you have not registered with TechSoup and are looking for technology options, check it out. Clubs that are not with the MGC GTEP program can work with Rose Houk to get registered.
- There was some discussion on Bylaws and how they specify what a quorum is. Rose reminded Presidents to read their Bylaws and the Roberts Rules of Order to make sure voting is done according to rule.
- Newsletter deadline for next publication. We need your articles and calendars for May's issue. Deadline is May 1, 2021 for Presidents to send anything that they want published. Events, fundraisers, or general club newsworthy information or article can be included. We are giving each club a section in the newsletter. Publishing will be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup> and distributed by May 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Next Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the Month

- May 19, 2021 5:00 PM
- June 16, 2021 (Time and location TBD)