

District 2B Presidents Meeting

June 15 2022 @4:45 – 5:45 PM Zoom

Attended:

Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Brighton Michigan Garden Club
Dolly Cairns, Dewitt Millennium Garden Club
Joan Lehnard, Garden Club of Greater Lansing
Debbie Cadman, Hartland Garden Club
Alice Schneider, Marshall Area Garden Club
Diann Jackman, Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club
Barb Sears, Meridian Garden Club
Julie Hath, Webberville 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 VP, President Elect

Minutes:

Welcome & Introductions.

Please check the names on my address list at the top of this agenda. Please let me know if you have new Presidents that should receive this email and provide names of those who will not need meeting notifications in the future.

- Roll Call – Type your name and club into the Chat Box. Roll call with the question: Have you submitted presenter and workshop leaders on President's Report. Do you know where to find this list?
- Deb Plichta is compiling and editing the speaker's and consultants lists for MGC. She collects the information from previous lists (called and verified speaker information), lists submitted from Presidents and members, and President's reports.
- Deb completed our District's list and it will be combined with the other districts and then posted on MGC's website.
- Our list our District Meeting Handbook tab. Carol asked Nita to add Deb's revised list.
- Revised speaker list will go out to Presidents.

Big Needs:

- MGC Conference – Clubs that participated and will share in the surplus revenue. Deb Cadman and Julie Hath said they did not attend. Carol shared her opinions on the successful points of the conference. Distribution of surplus revenue will be split between the clubs that participated.
- Next MGC Conference Meeting (Debrief) – 6-28-22: 1:30 Zoom (use Meeting ID 912-729-4983 with mgcmeets). The date is pending Monica's availability.
- D2B Fall Meeting is October 11th, 2022 hosted by Howell Garden Club. Save the date bookmarks were distributed at the conference and mailed to club presidents. Nancy encouraged that the D2B Fall Meeting have a focus on Floral Design. Julie Hath explained that the fall meeting usually has the book for the Spring D2B Flower Show.
 - How can we encourage members to attend the Fall Meeting?
 - Do clubs financially support member attendance? Carol explained that Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club helps to pay for all or a portion of conference expenses for delegates and members who attend.
 - How many clubs want to add the Zoom component to our offerings? This is still a question.
- Rosters due September 1. What clubs have NOT received their roster and instruction sheet?
 - Ronnie and Carol will be checking back with clubs that have not sent in their membership money and rosters.
- Member Meetings are not conducted in July and August. Carol Brodbeck is offering a garden educational series via Zoom.

- The 2B website has a listing of all clubs. The clubs listed need to be updated. There are many clubs that have outdated information on officers, contact person for membership, events, meeting dates. Carol, as District Director, uses this listing to help new prospective members find clubs and their contacts.
- Interest Groups information pages give us information about the activities that are planned.

Statewide Events and Announcements

- NGC-Central Region Conference October 16-18, 2022
- MGC Multi-Refresher is Aug. 9-10, 2022
- Environmental School – Oct. 20-21 in Manistee, hosted by District 5
- MGC's Morning Member Meetings – Remind members of these ZOOM presentations
 - June, July, August – vacation – have fun this summer!
 - Visit previous sessions that have been recorded.

District Updates

- Interest Groups – Keep your events posted on D2B Website Calendar. Contact Nita Campbell, Website page manager- nitacpm@comcast.net
 - SIG vs Interest Group – The SC decided to reference “Interest Groups”
- Flower Shows and Symposium – Sept. 13-14, 2022 at Trinity Church, Lansing - Jolanta Piecuch.
 - Kathy Dominguez is the Chair of the Designer's Interest Group
 - The symposium is a required event for judges.
- Newsletter – Feature Club and news submission deadline is May August 1– Terry Such
 - Feature Club (Webberville Garden Club)
- Rosters Due September 1. Bylaws were approved and changed the dates for membership dues payment.
 - Janet Hickman has requested that the rosters are turned in by August 15th.
- Clubs with upcoming special events
 - District Spring Meeting is not being planned. We can use this time to investigate another joint event to work on leadership.
- District Budget – What to include for 2022-2023? (name tags, printer, Interest Group expenses, Fall Meeting Budget) – other?
 - Interest Groups will be asked to estimate their expected expenses (i.e. speaker fees)

Next Meetings – Discuss options for meeting dates and times.

- Joan Lenhard finds that the monthly meetings are not as important as they were during the Covid pandemic restrictions. These meetings are not as necessary now and she doubts that she could find another person to attend these meetings in her place.
- Dolly Cairns appreciates the opportunity to join these meetings because it helps her learn what needs to be done. As a new President, the meetings are a good and informative.
- Deb Cadman hasn't been attending in the past but sees that there is value in the opportunity to share information.
- Barb Sears feels the meetings are helpful.
- Alice finds the meetings helpful and there are times that she cannot attend.