

District 2B Presidents Meeting

August 17, 2022 @4:45 – 5:45 PM Zoom

Attended:

Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Brighton Michigan Garden Club

Joan Lehnard, Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Ronnie Dush, Dewitt Millennium Garden Club

Agnes (Dolly) Cairns, Dewitt Millennium Garden Club

Cindy Langenberg, Grand Ledge Garden Club

Gladys Niemi, Howell Garden Club

Janice Thelen, Looking Glass Garden Club

Alice Schneider, Marshall Area Garden Club

Diann Jackman, Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club

Barb Sears, Meridian Garden Club

Donna Mussolff, Coldwater Garden Club

Julie Hath, Webberville Garden Club

Sherry Marr subbed for Jolanta Piecuch, District IIB Steering Committee, Awards and Flower Shows and Williamston Red Center GC

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

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:

Welcome & Introductions.

Please check the names on my address list at the top of this agenda. Please let me know if you have new Officers that you would like to add to the invitation list. The list of invitees will receive invitations to our meetings in the future.

- Roll Call – Type your name and club into the Chat Box.
- Clubs weigh in on value of District Meetings and share their estimated number of attendees from their clubs.
- Carol explained how D2B skipped organizing a Spring Leadership Meeting and joined in with District 6. We need to consider if we want to plan our own or join in with another club.
 - Sharing information with other clubs and meeting their leaders
 - Camaraderie - fellowship
 - Networking
 - Sharing ideas on engaging members
 - Education component
 - There is value in offering a Zoom option for the older members who have gotten used to doing Zoom and want to attend. This can be a plus for those who are sick, had family emergencies, or want to avoid exposure to illness.
 - Looking Glass and Grand Ledge Garden Clubs are in charge of 2023 Fall Meeting. We can make the announcement at 2022 Meeting. Janice Thelen has been made aware of this.

Director's Notes:

- Past meeting minutes
- MGC Conference – Clubs that participated and will share in the surplus revenue. MGC Conference wrap-up is posted on MGC and District websites.
 - Ronnie reviewed the budget report for conference. Approximately \$230 will go to each club.
- Budget – Ronnie P.
 - Proposed budgets need to be submitted. (i.e. presenter fees, printing for MGC conference, promotional flyers and bookmarks, etc.) Deb pointed out that the promotional flyer at the MGC conference gets the word out to other Districts' members.
 - Reimbursements come from MGC, even when it is coming directly from the D2B account.

- D2B Treasurer is filled by Ronnie Polad. We are looking for someone to help.
- Carol announced that she will continue serving as D2B Director for another 2 years.
- Interest Groups – where members can find activities?
- The September fall symposium is open to members, not just judges. Members can attend any of the sessions.
- Club Listings on D2B website are out of date – Club Presidents asked to provide an update to Nita Campbell
 - Nita to change 2B Youth Gardeners – take Sharon Rogers off
 - Carol reviewed some of the Interest Groups and District Clubs. This was to help clubs become more familiar with the District website.
 - District leaders use this website to help prospective members learn about the activities within the district.
- Attached materials were presented and discussed.
 - Grants and Awards – Reminded Presidents to review available grants and awards for 2022.
 - Garden Marker Sales Flyer – orders can be placed with Ronnie Polad. It is a small fundraising effort for D2B. If we see that the demand is down, we will discontinue the sale of these markers.
 - Presenters list (Deb Plichta has updated our list for MGC)
 - Garden Tour Resources – in the D2B newsletter and the MGC Program book.
 - Spring Leadership Report – sent out by email.
 - Goals were listed from the May meeting. (i.e. And they also wanted to come up with a newsletter template for clubs and districts, so that the template would help us not write newsletters but submit articles to them.)
 - Annual Conference Report (on D2B website <https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/conference-wrap-up.html>)
 - MGC Strategic Plan Highlights were sent out with the Agenda's

Big Needs:

- Next MGC Conference to be held in Grand Rapids, June 2023 (promo to begin in January 2023)
- 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. Registration will be posted on our website and sent out to clubs through the newsletter and in an email promotion. Deadline is September 27th.
 - How can we encourage members to attend the Fall Meeting? Do clubs financially support member attendance? How many clubs want to add the Zoom component to our offerings?
- Rosters due NOW. Thanks goes out to clubs submitting on time. Outstanding rosters due from Easton Rapids Home and Garden Club, Grand Ledge Garden Club, Looking Glass Garden Club. A clarification: Money goes to Ronnie Polad and Rosters go to Janet Hickman and Carol Grainger.

Statewide Events and Announcements

- NGC-Central Region Conference October 16-18, 2022
- Components of the Conference (speaker presentations, handouts, garden maps, etc.) are posted on D2B and MGC website pages
- Environmental School – Oct. 20-21 in Manistee, hosted by District 5. Available on MGC website.
- 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)

District Updates

- Interest Groups – Keep your events posted on D2B Website Calendar. Contact Nita Campbell, Website page manager- nitacpm@comcast.net
- Registration forms and flyer have been sent out. Ronnie emailed the form to Carol and Nita. Nita to post on website.
- Flower Shows and Symposium – Sept. 13-14, 2022 at Trinity Church, Lansing - Jolanta Piecuch.
- Newsletter – - Terry Such
- Member Dues paid by September 1
- Clubs with upcoming special events – please post to website manager, Nita C.
- District Budget – What to include for 2022-2023? (name tags, printer, Interest Group expenses, Fall Meeting Budget) – other? Ideas”

- Some Presidents are not getting invitations to these D2B Meetings. Carol needs to check the invitation list and make sure everyone is accounted for who should attend.

Next Meetings –

2022

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21 (may be canceled based on need)

2023

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July – on vacation

August 16