

## District 2B Presidents Meeting

Minutes for Wednesday, September 15, 2021

4:45 pm - 6:15 pm

### Attended:

Deb Logsdon, Dewitt Millennium Garden Club

Joan Lehnard, Garden Club of Greater Lansing

Julie Hath, Webberville Garden Club

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

Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Brighton Garden Club

Debra Plichta, Looking Glass Garden Club, Grand Ledge

Ronnie Polad, District IIB Steering Committee Treasurer & Garden Club of Greater Lansing

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

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

Monica Taylor, MGC, President

Nancy Ryan, MGC VP and President Elect

### Agenda:

#### Welcome & Introductions.

- Roll Call – Type your name and club into the Chat Box. We will do a live mic roll call with the question – Membership: How many members has your club gained or lost since September 2020? What are you doing to recruit new members?

#### Big Needs:

- Youth Programs – A communications leader for the MGC Youth Programs is still needed. It is an assignment that is more about helping with communication and sharing information. Sharon Rodgers has agreed to be leader for the District level communication. Webberville Garden Clubs also has a strong Youth Program emphasis and could be a resource too.
  - Carol clarified with Monica that there is still the HS Essay and Youth Poetry Awards still part of MGC's website.
- District IIB needs a leader for the Crafters group
- Fall meeting – Register your members and attend the District 2B Fall Meeting in Marshall.
  - Carol suggested that clubs share their marketing and member collateral on a display table. We will assign someone to monitor the table. Another e-mail must go out to remind leaders we need to finalize the list of registrants. We are short 10-12 registrants.
- MGC Annual Conference – SAVE THE DATE – June 8-9, 2022. Each club is expected to support the Annual Conference since our District is the hosting district. Each club takes an area of responsibility. Profits from the conference is split between the clubs that participate in planning and hosting. Carol and Ann to review club assignments to make sure all areas of conference responsibility and make sure we are covered to take care of all the tasks.
  - Carol suggested again that we provide a "Club Sharing" tables.
    - Peggy B. suggested a breakout session
    - Include items in goodie bags
    - Nita thought clubs could build a flyer on what they have done in the face of COVID to retain and recruit members.
    - Ronnie thought the Flower Shows is a better place to share Club materials
    - Nita thought the Home and Garden Show – does ShowSpan offer free display space to District? We already have the flower show...so show floor space may not be an option. The Flower Show space may not be a space where some attendees go.
    - Joan Lenhard said that manning the space at the Home and Garden Show display booth.
    - Jolanta said that the Flower Show space does have a table that clubs can put their member/club information.

### Statewide Events and Announcements

- MGC Conference, June 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Presidents announce and push for attendance.
- Club yearbook submissions due by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Forms and books (2) need to be mailed to District Director, Carol Grainger and a copy and form sent to Monica, MGC President and a copy and form to Nancy Ryan, MGC, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and President Elect. Information on instructions on submitting can be obtained on MGC website and through Carol Grainger.

### District Updates

- Need each clubs FB and/or website addresses on Weebly – make sure each club has a member assigned to keep track of information on the D2B Weebly site and the D2B Facebook page. PLEASE REVIEW THE DISTRICT 2B WEBSITE FOR YOUR CLUB’S LISTING TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT INFORMATION.
- SIGs – we still need a Crafter’s lead person.
  - If your club has an expert who can lead a portion of the FB Group page postings, manage workshops, and other SIG activities, please send their name to me.
  - Keep your events posted on Weebly Calendar. Contact Peggy Bryson Weebly page manager- plbryso@gmail.com

Newsletter deadline for next publication. We need your articles and calendars for November Newsletter. Deadline is October 15, 2021 – Last call for club updates.

### Next Meetings

#### 3rd Wednesday of the Month

- October 20, 2021, 4:45 PM
- November 17, 2021, 4:45 PM