

## District 2B Presidents Meeting

September 21, 2022 @4:45 – 5:45 PM Zoom

### Invited:

Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Brighton Michigan Garden Club  
Dionna Guy, Brighton Michigan Garden Club  
Joan Lenhard, Garden Club of Greater Lansing  
Valerie Schultz, Hartland Garden Club  
Gladys Niemi, Howell Garden Club  
Janice Thelen, Looking Glass Garden Club  
Diann Jackman, Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club  
Barb Sears, Meridian Garden Club  
Jolanta Piecuch, District IIB Steering Committee, Awards and Flower Shows and Williamston Red Center 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 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday, until Jun 22, 2023

This is a recurring meeting set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Let me know if you have officer changes. The list of invitees will receive invitations to our meetings in the future.

- Roll Call – Type your name and club into the Chat Box. New Presidents, please introduce yourself and give us a brief Garden Club history of your involvement.
- Clubs weigh in on value of District Meetings and Spring Leadership Meetings
  - Should we try to arrange a Spring District Leadership Meeting? Should we do it alone or jointly with another District?
    - The Steering Committee and Club Presidents discussed this question, and we decided it was best to consider a joint meeting with another district. Since District 4 is coordinating the MGC Annual Conference, they may be a good candidate. We could host and ask Carol McGregor to assign a member to help partner with Ann Schoals in planning our event.
    - District Meeting will focus on 2-3 topics taken from the Spring 2022 Meeting.

### Director's Notes:

- Past meeting minutes presented and will be posted on D2B website.
- MGC Conference – Clubs that participated should have received their share in the surplus revenue. No one reported receiving their check yet. Ronnie said the requisition for payments went to Bill.com on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Presidents are asked to watch their mail and let Carol know if they receive their checks.
- 2023 Fall District Meeting – Grand Ledge and Looking Glass Garden Club needs to figure out a date and location for 2023 Fall Meeting. At Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, we need to make an announcement to set things in motion for Clubs to save the date and begin planning. Janice Thelen will contact Cindy Langenberg, Pres. Of Grand Ledge Garden Club to begin planning. Ideas for venue were discussed.
- Budget – Ronnie P. will need proposed budget items by November 1.
- Interest Groups – post events on D2B website, where members can find activities
- Club Listings on D2B website are out of date – Club Presidents asked to provide an updates to Nita Campbell.
- Reminders:
  - Grants and Awards (current Deadlines for AWARDS and GRANTS was provided by Jolanta Piecuch.
    - Oct. 1 deadline for Member/Year Books. Send yearbooks and forms to Carol Grainger, 2971 Meech Road, Williamston, MI 48895. Yearbooks can be given to Carol G. at the District

Meeting to save on postage. Presidents can also bring to the judging on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, but they need to be there early so that they can be put into batches for judging.

- Jolanta made note that there may not be future flower shows after 2023 because of the lack of interest and participation from the clubs. Both the Winter “children’s” Flower Show and the Spring Flower Show are both easy. We have been doing these shows for 25 years. The Flower Shows were a good opportunity to recruit members because they see the flower show and it attracts interest in garden club membership. Webberville and Mason are responsible for most of the participants for the Youth Shows.
- Carol suggested that clubs invite Kathi Dominguez or Lois Snover-Hanson to provide a presentation about Design and Flower Shows.
- Garden Marker Sales Flyer was sent out. Orders may be placed with Ronnie Polad. Orders to may be placed with Ronnie at the District Meeting or if she has them in time, she can bring the completed orders to the Meeting. There will be some labeled markers for sale.
- Presenters – submit good presenter’s information to include on our District resource list. Deb Plichta has updated our District List and helped MGC put together a revised list of resources.
- Garden Tour Resources – Keep MGC Conference book handy for ideas on places to visit.

#### Big Needs:

- Next MGC Conference to be held in Grand Rapids, June 6 & 7, 2023 (promo to begin in January 2023)
- D2B Fall Meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, hosted by Howell Garden Club. Registration deadline Oct. 25.
  - Club Presidents need to talk up the District Meeting. Details were reviewed on what to expect at Fall Meeting. Casual “flannel” dress theme and 2 fun and educational presentations.
- Rosters are submitted to MGC and uploaded to SharePoint. Thanks goes out to clubs submitting on time. Outstanding roster due from Easton Rapids Home and Garden Club.

#### Statewide Events and Announcements

- NGC-Central Region Conference October 16-18, 2022. Nancy R. said there is a flower show and there is a series of meetings and outings. Monica Taylor is going. It is in Wilmington MN.
- 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
- 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 posted on current events on the D2B Website Calendar. Contact Nita Campbell, Website page manager- [nitacpm@comcast.net](mailto:nitacpm@comcast.net).
- Clubs may add their events to the District 2B website calendar and to the MGC Calendar.
- Clubs with upcoming special events – please post to website manager, Nita C. She can add events to the calendar and provide front page announcements for special events.
- Newsletter (questions, comments, and edits?) – - Next Newsletter deadline is November 1. Marshall will be the featured Club.
- District Budget – What to include for 2022-2023? (D2B printer, Interest Group expenses, Fall Meeting Budget)

#### Next Meetings –

##### **2022**

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