

District 2B Presidents Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

5:00 – 6:30pm

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Attended:

Julie Hath, Webberville Garden Club

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

Michael Love, Marshall Garden Club

Debra Plichta, Looking Glass Garden Club, Grand Ledge

Monica Taylor, MGC, 1st VP and President Elect and

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

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

Joan Lehnard, Garden Club of Greater Lansing

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

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 – What does the end of your program year look like? New officers?
- Debra Plichta
 - Change in officers. Doing the installation this month in park. Meetings have started to resume in person and in the evenings.
 - Newsletter did not get to Looking Glass Garden Club Members. Carol will forward the newsletter to her from the District 2B MS Outlook mail account.
- Jolanta reported that the club will be celebrating a 95th birthday in McCormick Park for the June member meeting. Members will have a large 95 display of cupcakes and served with beverages. The meeting will recognize the club's accomplishments and member's awards, as well as a short business meeting. This year, the club did better in their efforts to sell Christian's Gift Certificates and sold out of certificates. It was a successful fundraiser despite our Covid pandemic. It was a surprise for us. The fall fundraiser of selling greens could not be conducted, yet our clubs still raised approximately \$1000 in contributions.
- Mike Love reported that the club had their first in-person meeting held at the Methodist Church in Marshall, their normal meeting location. They had about 35 people, socially distanced themselves and wore masks. He thanked his wife Karla who kept the meetings going, while he was teaching at Olivet for the past few months. A new president is coming in this month, Alice Schneider.
 - Karla Love lost her brother last night.
 - Carol G. reported that the newsletter was rejected from his email address.
 - A radio host will spotlight the Marshall Garden Club and showcase the Garden Tour.
- Laura Grainger gave an update on Mason Sycamore Garden Club. This last weekend was a big planting weekend. Also, the Youth Garden Club
 - Tour of Mike Hill's and Lynn O'Shaughnessy's gardens are scheduled.
 - Laura would like to make Lynn O'Shaughnessy's tour to a D2B event. Carol will check with Lynn to see if this would work.
 - Gold Star Memorial is funded by Woodman Group donating \$2500.

- All DDA pots downtown have been planted. Plants were donated by Backside in Jackson.
- Mason did a planting at the Community Center.
- Youth Gardeners have a signed “hold harmless” agreement with the city so that children can do their planting at the Pink School House.
- Master Gardener program provided (through a grant) to provide all the signs for the plants. Signs are heavy duty plant stakes with both common and botanical names with info on bloom season. If anyone wants to see a project with this signage, Francis Park in Lansing is a good site to visit.
- Debra Plichta – The Looking Glass River is beginning to get back to in person meetings and met at the Methodist Church in Wacousta. They install new officers and amended the Bylaws for 501(c)(3).
 - Meetings will begin in August for the next program year.
 - A big fundraiser is planned with sale of plants from WildType on June 5th.
 - LGGC decorates the bridges with annuals and this year.
 - For the 10th Anniversary, LGGC is having a flower show in September.
 - This club has a focus on Floral Design and Horticulture.
 - Five new members are joining this year.
 - They have a family rate for membership of \$40 Individual is \$25.
 - Meetings are on Monday nights at 6:30 PM

Big Needs:

- Memorial list for each club. Members who have passed since our last MGC meeting. Name, Date of Death and Club Name – Let’s review – Sending out the Memorial list to see if any clubs have been missed who have members to put into the slide show for the Memorial.
- List of Life Members will be included in this year’s recipients.
 - Let Monica Taylor know if you have Life member recipients.
- MGC Annual Meeting will be recorded and those who register can watch the recording.
- Committee for MGC Annual Conference in June 2022 (MGC + D2B committee members work together with Ann Schoals)- Discuss options for organizing tasks.
 - Need clubs to submit member’s names who can help in planning this event. We are going to work from the previous plan for 2020 conference. We are looking to pick up from where the team left off. We can assign tasks such as decoration, program, registrations, member packets, etc.
- Youth Programs – A communications leader for MGC – Advisory and Tracking position
 - Ronnie Dush is asking to step down from his responsibilities. Ronnie is asking for a District leader to coordinate communication and act as a conduit for exchanging information. Also, MGC needs someone to fill this position. Sharon Rogers was suggested since she is active in Mason’s youth programs. It is suggested that Julie Hath and Sharon Rogers could possibly work together since both their clubs are active in Youth activities.
- June President’s Meeting – should we have one and can we use it for planning for 2021-2022 Retreat?
 - Do a live meeting in Williamston or Howell? Carol is wanting to do a live meeting this summer to list challenges and identify goals for MGC. This helps us to help direct change and keep MGC posted what would help us moving forward.
- Awards Process – MGC or District? Not discussed.
- Black Swallowtail Display – What club has this? Not discussed. We are looking for this.
- MGC needs one representative for Michigan Consultants Council – Restructuring process
 - Each district will have one representative on the Council. Rep. will be a person who has completed Gardening, Landscape, or Environmental School. They will be planning Tri-Fresher and Enrichment events. One member is interested in this post.

Statewide Events and Announcements

- Nominating Committee - Nominating Committee – Jenny Bond and Jean Goetz
- Monday Morning Member Meetings – schedule to change. Keep posted on the MGC site.
- Environmental School Course 3 -postponed until Sept. 8 & 9, 2021

- June 1-3 MGC 90th Annual Conference (Zoom)
- 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 into the report and keep adding Pollinator Gardens to the National Registry.
- Club Rosters – Membership Updates MGC delays. We are waiting for two clubs to be added (Mason Sycamore Creek GC and Sherwood Garden Club). Also, Webberville and Dewitt Millennial Garden Clubs rosters have operation/function errors to be corrected.
- Send Club brochures and marketing materials to DD (e-files or paper) for central library/document collection.

District Updates

- Awards – Brighton Garden Club’s application has been reviewed and is now in the hands of MGC.
- Need each clubs FB and/or website addresses on Weebly (2 clubs Eaton Rapids and Across the Fence Post Garden Clubs missing much information)
 - Weebly Page Club information (use Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club as example. Many of our club’s listings are spare with information or not correct)
 - Keep your events posted on Weebly Calendar. Contact Peggy Bryson Weebly page manager- plbryso@gmail.com
- ZOOM training – Clubs that still need help on Zoom, please contact me or Laura Grainger for help. Clubs lose numbers when not meeting with members – even if by remote meetings only.
- Fall District Meeting – September 30th in Marshall. Karla Love sent the proposals from two sites. Carol G to review and get back with Karla and Ann Schoals. Discussed the options and the Methodist Church which would save money, good seating capacity, technology is good. Everything is built in. Marshall would supply bottled water and cookies.
 - Proposal: Southern Exposure, herb farm. 120 people, rents for \$500 and we provide our own technology, they provide tour of gardens and gift shop.
 - 2nd choice is the United Methodist Church. \$90 rental, 130 people, \$75 sound and TV video cart, \$75 custodian, stage, \$75 meeting coordinator
 - Joan Lenard weighed in on that she liked the church. Carol to poll presidents to weigh in.
 - Needs to have Floral Design Element included in the event. Need a club to head this up.
- Newsletter deadline for next publication. We need your articles and calendars for August Newsletter. Deadline is July 1, 2021

Club Updates -Open-Mic

Next Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the Month

- June 16, 2021, 04:45 PM (Time and location TBD)
- July 21, 2021, 4:45 PM (Time and location TBD)