

**Minutes**  
**Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**District IIB Steering Committee Meeting**

**September 10, 2018**  
**Aubree's Restaurant, Howell**

Present: Lynn Keelan, Barb Ketchum, Sue Wittick, Peggy Bryson

The meeting commenced at 1:10 p.m.

We discussed fall District Meeting. We wondered whether the new District banner will be complete for use at the meeting, and Peggy volunteered to contact Linda Mogyoros about its status. At the meeting, Barb will talk briefly about plans for a spring meeting, Peggy about the grant process and fundraising, Sue about the IIB interest groups. Barb will ask for someone to volunteer to organize field trips, workshops. Sue will print the program, nametags and grant application forms. Kathy Dominguez is working on ribbons for the photo exhibit at the October 25 meeting.

DeWitt Millennium Garden Club and Across the Fence Post Garden Club are planning to host the Fall 2019 IIB District Meeting. Lynn asked Barb to schedule a meeting with those clubs to discuss the event. We talked about whether to have a rotation list for hosting future district meetings.

The group discussed whether there should be a spring event and what its nature should be. Perhaps a field trip to Bordine Nursery in Grand Blanc? A tour of River Street Nursery in Kalamazoo? We estimate about 100 might participate. A bus trip? A day of four to six workshops with a simple lunch? A Presidents Meeting in the morning followed by an afternoon of workshops? A club-hosted picnic in spring?

Lynn reported on surplus from various MGC schools and the 2018 convention. The MGC Board acted to change the allocation of district meeting surplus. Starting with the fall 2018 meetings, Districts will retain 50% and MGC and host clubs will each receive 25% of district meeting surplus revenue.

We talked briefly about MGC community project grants, noting that funds for grants need to be allocated in the next District budget, then turned to fundraising. Sue reports that the pollinator earrings need new findings. The manufacturer installed them incorrectly and gentle correction efforts resulted in the findings breaking. The four of us volunteered to work on fixing the earrings. Sue will purchase new findings and schedule a work session. We also revisited the topic of doing a group order of annuals for club fundraising.

The District will have a fundraising table at the Central Region convention. Sue and Lynn plan to attend, but will need additional volunteers from the District to staff the table throughout the event. Lynn will bring a card table and yellow fabric. Sue will make class cards.

Michigan Nature Association has completed work on its native plant landscaping and expressed interest in obtaining 75 12-inch high plant markers from the District. MNA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and has been

providing meeting space free of charge to the steering committee and photography group. We decided to donate those markers to MNA and to provide them with any further markers needed at \$1.91 each.

There is not yet a club selected for the feature article in the October District newsletter. Barb will check with Garden Club of Greater Lansing.

Lynn, who has a schedule conflict, asked for a volunteer to attend the November 8 board meeting. Sue volunteered and it was decided that she should also attend the November 7 District Directors meeting with Lynn.

No one has yet agreed to serve as IIB District Director for the term starting June 1, 2019. Sue said she will call additional individuals.

Volunteers are needed to judge yearbooks on October 17.

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 pm on October 11 at the Michigan Nature Association, Okemos. We will meet for lunch at 12:30 that day at the Chapbook Cafe in Schuler Books' Okemos store.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58p.m.

#### Action items

Lynn Call Lois Snover-Hanson re: how to identify flower show consultants at the fall District Meeting.

Bring card table and yellow fabric to CR convention

Peggy Call Linda Mogyoros re: progress on the new District IIB banner.

Call River Street Nursery in Kalamazoo about a group tour and its class schedule. Find out what time of year is best for touring.

Provide district cash box to Sue for CR convention sales.

Barb Ask Carol Grainger whether she would be willing to troubleshoot the projector at District Meeting.

Call Proven Winners regarding a group trip to its trial garden.

Check into scheduling an evening or weekend sign-making workshop in November.

Draft for consideration a proposal tying eligibility for community project grants to hosting district meetings.

Call Ann Schoals about preparing an article on the Garden Club of Greater Lansing for the October Newsletter.

Collate information about upcoming IIB club events for a District bookmark.

Sue Check with Ronnie Dusch and Peggy House re: attending the next Steering Committee meeting.

Make class cards for CR convention.

Sue will check whether an organization can be nominated for a non-member award and, if so, prepare an application for MNA.

Schedule a work session for fixing the pollinator earrings.

For October 25 meeting, print nametags, programs, grant application forms

Submitted by Peggy Bryson