

Minutes
Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. District IIB Steering Committee Meeting
March 18, 2019
Michigan Nature Association

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

Guests: Ronalee Polad (GCGL) and Jolanta Piecuch (Williamston and Meridian) joined the meeting between 1:30 and 1:45 p.m.

Meeting commenced at 12:48 p.m.

We discussed the successful March flower show and the visitor appreciation of the new photo exhibit classes. Addition of a "Best in Show" award or, alternatively, a popular vote trophy for future photography exhibits was deliberated with no decision. Barb mentioned that she has a suitable silver bowl she would contribute.

Sue reminded us that she has asked IIB Photographers for five photos each to be printed on notecards for sale by the District at the upcoming April 18 meeting. We talked about whether we could also sell them at club plant sales and discussed whether proceeds should be shared with the photographers. The group has no source of revenue to pay for any expenses. We decided to discuss with IIB Photographers.

We discussed whether a simple pull-down projection screen should be purchased for Michigan Nature Association, noting the MNA's generous allowance of IIB's use of its meeting facilities by the steering committee and interest groups, and that the conference room's projector-facing wall is not suitable for projection. We talked again about whether to purchase a wireless projector for use by the District and garden clubs. No decision was reached on either proposed purchase.

Barb reported on the status of the April 18 meeting. She is waiting for registrations, having received only 10 to date. Peggy noted that the Meridian club had not received the registration form and was unaware of the registration deadline. Barb committed to re-send the registration form to clubs.

Barb is working on a proposed schedule for clubs to host the fall District meeting. Pairing smaller clubs would result in an 11-year rotation.

Peggy reported there was little financial activity in February, just purchase of a ¼ page ad in the June MGC conference program and sale of one District logo tee.

Sue reminded us that our contributions to the April newsletter are due on March 20. Green Thumb Garden Club will submit a Club of the Month article for the May newsletter. Barb will check with the Eaton Rapids club regarding an article for the April newsletter. If they agree, each club will have been featured in the District Newsletter. Julie Partee has agreed to write a Getting to Know Members article for a future newsletter.

Next Meeting: 1:30 p.m., April 10, 2019, Michigan Nature Association.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by Peggy Bryson