

District IIB Steering Committee

June 16, 2021 3:30 – 4:30 PM Zoom

Attended: Carol Grainger, Ronalee Polad, Ann Schoals, Peggy Bryson, Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Nita Campbell

Note: For future meetings, those sitting on the Communications and Technology Committee may wish to peek in towards the end of our meeting. I expect that our meetings will be 3:30-4:30 for general business and we can hold the Communications and Technology to the end and focus on website, newsletter, and social media issues and questions. Some of the Steering Committee are asked (and some just want) to sit in on the D2B Presidents' meetings.

Minutes

Past Meeting Minutes – Records stored on Weebly

Treasurer's Report – Ronnie P.

- Report on expenses and expected budget for Fall District 2B meeting – District meeting budget
- Carol has one check. Checks will go to Ronnie and then on to the state. The e-doc will be emailed to Carol for uploading current datasheet.

District IIB Fall Meeting

- Ann to check with Karla Love (Marshall) to see if they were going to secure vendors and speaker.
- Signing for contract with the venue for event. Ronnie to secure for the District and then we can request reimbursement.
- Proposed budget has been submitted.
- Raffles, basket auctions, other sales items would not be included with this meeting (in consideration of the streamlined event)
- Lynn O. suggested that photos could be matted and framed for a sale item for the District.
- Laura said that there were some items (2B earrings) that could be sold.
- Clubs that have items that has been sold at other events (e.g. Meridian Club stock of flower art items that may be available – wanting to unload – and split the revenue.)
- Clubs can be asked if they have items they want to unload and give a commission to the Meeting.
- MGC requested a component of a flower show. Carol asks if we can include a simple horticulture show...with it being a good time for horticulture display. Ann S. to find if judges could organize the rules and parameters of a horticulture show. Ronnie reminded us that a symposium in Okemos in August. This is close to our Meeting. (Sue Whittick, Jolanta, Jenny Bond, Lois Snover Hansen and Janet Hickman may be asked if they could assist with this.)
- Split of all revenue will be made between the district and state.

Note on how Carol G is driving people to Weebly site. We saw an increase in website traffic right after the newsletter went out.

Carol G. read the letter from Through the Garden Gate Garden Club resigning their membership with MGC. Peggy to update our website to reflect that in our club number and take the page listing down for

this club. Carol G. invited the club of 5 members to participate in other clubs' activities. Their club membership expires as of August.

District Director -

- Rosters went out last week with instructions. Some clubs were not able to download the rosters using the link...so the files were sent out using email with rosters and instructions as attachments. More discussion?

Tracking events and responsibilities

- Awards Chair – no report
- Flower Shows and Events – no report
- Schools/Education – Schools that need to be added to the Weebly – Peggy B. to continue posting the schools listed on MGC with the hotlinks.
- Youth Groups – No activity but MGC is looking for a Chair for Youth programs. Sharon Rogers was suggested by Laura G. We are reminding Presidents to submit youth activities and we can post on our Facebook page and also can be posted on MGC Facebook Group.
- Posting the tour of Lynn O'Shaughessy's circle garden is scheduled for July 13th at 6:30 PM. Mason and Williamston and possibly Williamston will be touring. We need to limit the numbers to make sure those touring are safe and there isn't overcrowded. Posting on the calendar would not be a good idea to open it up to any D2B club. Clubs can contact Lynn directly if they want to participate in a scheduled tour or organize their own session.
- July 13th, the Garden Club of Greater Lansing will tour the Scott Sunken Garden at 10:00. It is a tour that others can join in and the GCGL will holding their regular member meeting that day too. If you want to come to this and wish to stay for the meeting and lunch, Ronnie needs to know because lunches need to be ordered. Participants wanting to attend should pay for their own lunch (?).
- Missy Koos said that the Dewitt Millennial GC Scavenger Hunt is going to be in the later part of July. She will post on Event page on Weebly, D2B Facebook page and MGC Events.
- Technology - Laura
 - Resources – SharePoint update and Zoom use promoted to presidents. Any issues?
 - Facebook access and login information – Any issues?
 - Each club can have a FB contributor to help add content. We should add one person from each club to the Page and Group (monitoring this group?) Laura has been removed as admin and had to have her posting approved before it would be visible on D2B Facebook. Ronnie change FB so that anyone can post with approval. Once they have been approved, they become preapproved.
 - Newsletter distribution
 - No discussion
 - Newsletter will include Steering Committee's associated tasks/responsibilities.
- Publicity/Social Media/Weebly
 - Ronnie wanted to know if there are leaders of the SIGs for D2B
 - Photography – Melinda Tope (Meridian)
 - Crafting – Marlas Greiger (Tammy Voss?)

- Floral Design – Kathy Dominquez
- Quilting (possibly Linda Mogyoros)
- Youth (possibly Sharon Rogers with Julie Hath)

Steering Committee tasks/assignments notes:

Carol to ask Club Presidents

Plant markers are still available (\$2 each)

MGC Annual Conference. – Ann cannot meet with the Presidents tonight. We need to meet with MGC Nancy Ryan and Bunny LaDuke and Monica Taylor. We will meet at the Crowne Plaza and do a site visit and discuss the MGC and District IIB planning group to discuss conference planning tasks. MGC will pull together the notes they have and we can pull our notes together from 2020 planning. We can move from there.

Meeting adjourned 4:35 PM