

Kettle Moraine Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2022, Okauchee Lions Club

The Business Meeting was called to order at 12:49 pm by Co-President Connie Tjarksen.

Connie expressed thanks to Mama D's coffee shop for the boxed lunch members received for the meeting. She reviewed a new delivery system for the General Meeting minutes. In the past the minutes were linked to the monthly newsletter, however, as we are now publishing our newsletter on the GCA website as well as the KMGC website, we need to separate them. There is now a tab for the General Meeting minutes on our Member Area home page. Therefore, at this meeting we will approve the October 2021 and April 2022 minutes.

Susan Esslinger motioned to approve the October 2021 General Meeting minutes, seconded by Elaine Burke. Motion carried and minutes approved. Jackie Rehm motioned to approve the April 2022 general meeting minutes, seconded by Bette Massaro. Motion carried and minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kari Pietsch-Wangard

KMGC Cash Balances as of 4/30/22.

Operating Account:	\$ 29,145.55
Civic Account:	\$ 53,230.13
<u>Money Mkt. Acct.:</u>	<u>\$ 32,005.98</u>
Total Cash Balances:	\$114,381.66

Julie Meier moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Julia Syburg seconded. Motion passed.

Membership – Barb Farnham

KMGC has 5 new provisional members for 2022. Andrea Pandazi, Julie Rolfs, Joanne Janzer, Anne Frigo, and Deanne Olson were introduced, welcomed, and shared a little bit about themselves and their interest in the club.

Garden Club of America Annual Meeting – Connie Tjarksen

Connie reviewed the highlights of this meeting, *Pathways from the Palisades to the Pinelands*, held in Parsippany, New Jersey April 29 and 30, 2022. She toured Thomas Edison's Glenmont, discussed the GCA initiatives encouraging collaboration and building long term relationships, and noted the diverse activities of other garden clubs. She encouraged members to view the GCA website for annual meeting information and the Peonies Envy website to learn about this company. Connie expressed gratitude to our members for the opportunity to attend the GCA annual meeting.

Communications - Susan Blott

The deadline for the June newsletter is May 23. Please email Sue your articles in a Word doc with photos as attachments.

Conservation – Julie Meier

- The May 9, 2022 Conservation Committee had wonderful attendance.
- Julie noted that the Partners 4 Plants project in Hartland Marsh needs some weeding and clean-up.
- Cory Gritzmacher, Mequon Nature Preserve, will be the speaker at the June 16, 2022 general meeting. He will be accompanied by a dog whose talent is identifying invasive species.
- The book selected for the Book Club is The Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan.
- Julie noted that during the NAL conference the GCA is encouraging members to support and promote the GCA bills and highlighted the Wildlife Act which aims to preserve certain wildlife species that are becoming extinct.

Horticulture and Visiting Gardens- Jackie Rehm.

May Flower Show: (Judged by Judy Broom)

IIA Allium: (No entries)

IIB Cut from a Spring Bulb: 1st Narcissus jonquilla, Jackie Reim; 2nd Tulip, Susan Blott;
3rd Tulip, Jackie Rehm

IIC Par: 1st – Bleeding Heart, Julia Syuburg; 1st – Bleeding Heart, Jackie Rehm; 2nd – Lilac,
Susan Blott

- Meg Schoenecker encouraged members to submit entries for the flower shows.
- Pam Angst will attend the Shirley Meniece conference in September.
- We will be resubmitting a nomination for the Freeman Medal of the Aronia melanocarpa plant.
- The Horticulture Committee will be presenting an activity making grass caterpillars at Camp Whitcomb/Mason from 9:20 – 12:00 on July 28.
- The Horticulture Committee planted the Lions Club sign planter prior to today's meeting.
- The challenge plant is the begonia and members are encouraged to take one of the begonia plants provided, pot it, and care for it until judging in September. Mary Lou Findley will be writing an article for the Newsletter about the begonia.
- On June 9 members can tour Susan Esslinger's garden as part of Visiting Gardens at 3:00 p.m.

Floral Design - Lyndsey Glasener and Jill Muehlmeier

- May Floral Design Show: To design and create a wearable, living flower hat.
1st Lyndsey Glasener, 2nd Andrea Pandazi, 3rd Jannelle Peterson
- The June Floral Design is entitled Sculptures in the Park and members are encouraged to make a living, 3 dimensional floral sculpture, 2-3 feet tall, and having a partner is optional.

Photography – Margaret Hollister

- May Photography Show:
IA Public Space: 1st Susan Blott; 1st Kari Pietsch-Wangard; 2nd Margaret Hollister; 3rd Kari Pietsch-Wangard; HM Maureen Hill
IB Private Space: 1st Jannelle Peterspm, 2nd Sonja Durkee, 3rd Margaret Hollister
- Please remember to categorize your photos A. or B. when submitting them.

- On Tuesday August 23 there will be an evening field trip to Genetti Gardens in Delafield highlighting the Golden Hour.
- The family who purchased Monches Farm would be happy to host a Photography meeting next year.

Lake Geneva Garden Club Flower Show – Elaine Burke

Elaine highlighted this flower show where you can find the schedule on our website and strongly encouraged our members to enter. She noted that this is good preparation for Art en Fleur.

Ways & Means - Kathy Friend

The committee members consisting of Meg Shoenecker, Kathy Friend, Lynn Shannon, Patti Brink, and Kari Pietsch-Wangard, met on May 12. Five grant requests were reviewed by the committee. They recommend members approve funding a total of \$21,700 as follows:

Lake Park Friends Olmsted project to plant 20 trees - \$10,000 (\$10,000 requested)

Charles Allis Villa Terrace to help fund current Olmsted Exhibit - \$2,000 (\$8,000 requested)

Town Hall Library for landscape gardens and benches around the entrance - \$5,000 (\$5,000 requested)

Food Pantry of Waukesha County for The Container Garden Project for teens - \$3,000 (\$3,000 requested)

Old World Wisconsin to enhance several heirloom gardens - \$1,700 (\$1,700 requested)

Some grant requests require greater specificity and those will be followed up. Motion to approve the allocation of funds was made by Julia Syburg. Susan Esslinger seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Garden History and Design - Sonja Durkee

Sonja expressed thanks to the Ways and Means Committee for providing grants to the Lake Park Friends Olmsted project and the Charles Allis Villa Terrace.

Members are encouraged to view the pictures of the April 21 general meeting on our website.

June 7th will be the “Day In The Park” outing. Approximately 54 people will be attending and she would like to see at least 10 more reservations. Guests are welcome to attend. More information will be coming regarding parking if attendees drive themselves. Sonja reminded attendees to bring their own water bottle and dress for the weather.

Spring Plant Sale - Debbie Kaerek

The sale was held on May 10 at Shady Lane and expressed thanks for all those who attended as the club will receive 25% of sales. Members can still shop until the end of May. Please mention Kettle Moraine Garden Club in order for us to receive the 25%.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lara Ehsam and seconded by Diana Markus.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Angst (Recording Secretary)