

Kettle Moraine Garden Club General Meeting
September 21, 2023
Stone Bank Farms

Floral Design Chair Bette Massaro introduced Elaine Burke and Margo Paddock, both GCA Floral Design judges, who gave a presentation on how to enter a floral design for Art-en-Fleur or any major flower shows.

Co-Vice President Pam Angst called the meeting to order at 1:46pm. Motion to approve August meeting minutes: Bette Massaro, seconded Judy Hanson. **Minutes approved.**

Two new guests were introduced.

Treasurer's Report - Kari Pietsch Wangard

Operating Account \$12,037.75 Civic \$44,033.61 Money Market Account \$31,826.71
Cash Balance \$87,898.07 Difference from prior month -\$22,486.78

Difference from last month is mainly due to the \$20,200 to Bartolotta's for the venue at Discovery World for the October fundraiser for the Zone XI meeting in 2027.

Judy Hanson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Mary Lou Findley seconded. **Treasurer's report approved.**

Membership - Mary Lou Findley

New member applications due November 1, 2023. For those recruiting, please read the new member information sheet. We want participating new members!

Communications - Susan Blott

Deadline for articles and photos for October newsletter is September 23.

Horticulture - Lara Ehram

- September Flower Show (Judged by Mary Lou Findley and Judy Hanson)
 - A. Club Challenge - Coleus
 - 1. Sarah Spencer (propagated)
 - 2. Susan Blott
 - 3. Jackie Rehm
 - B. Last Bloom of Summer
 - Dahlias
 - 1. Maureen Hill
 - Other
 - 1. Lara Ehram (Snapdragon)
 - 2. Jackie Rehm (Hydrangea)
 - 3. Lara Ehram (Moss Rose)
 - C. Par
 - 1. Jackie Rehm
- End of year meeting will be at Lara's house on Thursday, September 28 1-2:30pm.
- GCA Shirley Meniece Conference in Hawaii on October 18, 2023 will be virtual. Open to all members. Registration information on GCA website.
- Snake Root article will be in October newsletter

- Check interesting articles on KMGC website. Putting Gardens to Bed by Susan Esslinger September 2022 and A Seed Bank for All at the Town Hall Library by Mary Lou Findley August 2023

Floral Design - Bette Massaro

No challenge next month but will need table decorations for October meeting. Please use a fall theme.

Photography - Margaret Hollister

- September Flower Show - The Fruits of Summer's Labor (Judged by Laura Simpson)
 1. Kari Pietsch-Wangard
 2. Monica Tighe
 3. Diana Markus
- No challenge next month.
- End of year meeting will be at Margaret's house on Tuesday, September 26 at 2pm.

Programs - Jackie Rehm

October Award Luncheon will be at Oconomowoc Lake Club on October 19, 2023. \$50 for lunch. Checks made out to KMGC and give or send to Jackie Rehm. Deadline is October 8.

Awards - Madonna Williams

Madonna has collected all trophies for awards next month.

Art-En-Fleur - Maureen Hill

The full schedule is almost complete and has been approved by GCA and will be on the GCA website next week. A link will be sent to all members.

Conservation - No report

Linda Klimowicz is at a Clean Water Conference.

2027 Zone XI Fundraiser - Pam Angst and Margaret Hollister

Indian Hicks at Discovery World on October 26, 2023. \$150 per person.

An intimate evening with India Hicks the night before will be at Margaret's House. Capped at 50 people. \$300 per person. This will be a catered wine, distilled rum (donated by India's husband) and hors d'oeuvres event.

All proceeds go to the Zone XI meeting which is predicted to cost more than \$100,000.

Holly Berry - Jill Muehlmeier

- Theme is Woodland Christmas.
- Sign up genius will go out this week. Invitations will be at the October meeting.
- Big Board is gradually growing but would be grateful for more items.
- Invitation mailing list was sent around. The names in red are people that haven't attended in 5 or more years.
- Diana Markus will provide the HB set-up lunch on Monday, November 27.

Nominations - Pam Angst for Connie Tjarksen and Meg Schoenecker

Connie and Meg are at the Zone meeting. Still need Floral Design chair-elect and Holly Berry chair-elect x 2.

Old Business - None

New Business -

- Karen Sonderman has volunteered to head up a ride share for members that may need a ride to meetings
- At the end of each General Meeting there will be a conversation for questions and concerns about members gardens limited to 3-5 minutes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lara Ehram, seconded by Patty Brink.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Hieb