Kettle Moraine Garden Club General Meeting
Oconomowoc Public Library, 2:00 p.m.

September 17, 2026

President Pam Angst called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the August 2026 Minutes by Susan E, seconded by Kris H.
Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kari Pietsch-Wangard.
Operating: $46,350.65 Civic: $ $43,705.80 CD: $16,553.66 Money Market: $16,598.38
Cash Balance: $130,549.53 Difference from prior month: -$7,341.04
Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report tabled for corrections. Approval will be requested at the October General Meeting.

Communications: Anne Frigo (Newsletter) Deadline for newsletter articles is October 23.
Sue Blott, Anne Frigo, Jamie Mallinger (Website) No Report

Membership: Chair, Susan Esslinger. The Membership Committee has updated the guidelines and application for sponsoring new members. If an application has been already started using the old form, please continue to use that one. Sue B will add the new application form to the website.

Bylaws: Sue Blott. Please read updates in the newsletter and contact her with any comments or questions.

Program: Chair, Karen Gardner. Members should send payment for the October luncheon meeting to Karen or they can pay on Zelle. The cost is $55.

Conservation: Chair, Jack Bothwell. The Conservation Committee sponsored successful field trips to Patrick Smith's garden and to Johnson's Nursery.
The Forest Service is advancing the plan to remove protections from the roadless areas across the country. There are 1.5 million acres affected in Wisconsin. Public comments are being accepted and can be submitted through the 5 Calls app or by contacting your government representative. Jack will help members to submit their comments if needed.

Horticulture: Chairs, Sallie Siepmann & Connie Tjarksen. The Gwenyn Farm field trip will be moved to spring. Walk and talk at Julia's was well attended. There will be a meeting on 10/16 to discuss The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly.
Show Winners:

Dahlia	Vegetable/Fruit	Par
1. Julia S	1. Sue B	1. Jan Ewald
2. Julia S	2. Sallie S	1. Sallie Siepmann
		1. Linda K
		2. Mary Lou
		2. Connie T

Floral Design: Chair, Amy Wolf Chair-elect, Pat Kraft. Lucky Farms field trip was a wonderful experience. Fall centerpieces needed for the luncheon. They will not be judged.

2027 planning meeting to be held at Pat Kraft's on 10/27.
Show Winners:

1. Jill M
2. Amy W
3. Susan E

HM Joanne J

Photography: Chair, Amy Bruss Chair-elect, Jill Repp. Wrap-up meeting on 10/6 at Jill's.
Show Winners:
1st: Kari Pietsch-Wangard
2nd: Kari Pietsch-Wangard
3rd: Susan Blott
HM: Tie: Monica Tighe and Jill Repp

Holly Berry: Lindsay- purchasing is going well. Connie- invitation will be emailed and texted, members are to forward to their guests. Paper copies are available upon request. Faye has been instrumental in producing the invitation. Payment can be made by check or on Zelle. Faye- four vendors are confirmed for the Marketplace. Pam- there will be bakery, vendors, raffle, bigger auction items include Mahjong & Margaritas, Midwinter Feast, Line dancing party, Nature Box for the Ultimate Connoisseur.

Ways and Means: Chair, Paddy Kieckhefer. Chair-elect, Cheri Theisen. No Report

Awards/Founders Fund: Deanne Olson. No Report

Bulletin: Kathy Friend. No Report

Garden History and Design: Chair, Sonja Durkee. Chair-elect Meg Schoenecker. No Report

Historian: Julie Petri. No Report

Nominating: Susan Esslinger. Summer Garden Party Host is needed. A committee will be assigned to help with the party.

GCA Judges Chair: Sally Ruf. No Report

Scholarships: Lara Ehrsam. No Report

Strategic Planning: Sarah Spencer. No Report

Visiting Gardens: Chair, Bonnie Siegel Chair-elect, Kris Hieb. No Report

Old Business: Art en Fleurs – Seeking Horticulture chair persons. The bulk of the work is done. Arabella made the schedule. The main focus will be the actual days of the event and layout.

New Business: Julie Meier- Presented a trip to the mid-March Philadelphia Flower Show. She recommended visiting Longwood Gardens while in Philly. Flyers were distributed.

A motion to **adjourn** the meeting made by Connie T, seconded by Jan E. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Meier, KMGC Recording Secretary