

KETTLE MORaine GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING

October 19, 2023 OCONOMOWOC LAKE CLUB

President Susan Esslinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and asked for remembrance for those members no longer with us, either through death or moving.

She asked for approval of minutes from September meeting. **Motion to approve: Patty Brink; seconded Jackie Rehm. Minutes approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Kari-Pietsch Wangard Balances as of 9/30/23:

Operating: \$11,143.21 Civic: \$41,254.07 Money Market: \$31,946.58. Cash balance: \$84,343.86
Operating account is significantly lower than a year ago mainly due to \$20,200 expense for India Hicks event at end of month. Checks (income) will be deposited after the event. Civic account is higher than last year due to fewer grants being distributed and less spent on Holly Berry items.

Motion to approve: Karen Gardner; seconded Lara Ehram. Treasurer's report approved.

Communications: Susan Blott Deadline for November Newsletter is October 23. There will be a mid-winter Newsletter in February.

Conservation: Linda Klimowicz Linda thanked her co-chair Julia Syburg and also Julie Meier for her work on Partners for Plants. Highlights of the year included the "Conservation Observation" table at each meeting; speaker Jan Jenks on importance of watersheds; and book discussion of "The Nature of Oaks".

Horticulture: Lara Ehram thanked her committee and all who participated in flower shows, field trips and workshops. Highlight was speaker Caitlin McCabe on Medicinal Gardening.

Floral Design: Bette Massaro thanked all for great participation in flower shows and workshops. Highlight was visit to William Radler's Rosarium. Susan Esslinger announced that Andrea Psaras has been approved for GCA Judges Program.

Photography: Monica Tighe. Thanks from her and Margaret for a "picture perfect year." In January there will be a virtual GCA presentation on photography.

Membership: Mary Lou Findley introduced the Provisional Members and proposed them for full membership. Becky Druml, Patty Galante, Jamie Mallinger, Elizabeth Meier, Julie Petri, and Sarah Spencer. **Motion to approve: Jackie Rehm; seconded Deb Kaerek. Motion approved and we welcome them to KMGC.**

Nominations: Meg Schoenecker The following slate was submitted for approval:

Officers and committee heads:

President: Susan Esslinger; Vice-Presidents: Pam Angst and Kathy Friend (Y2); Treasurer: Kari Pietsch Wangard (Y5); Recording Secretary: Kris Hieb; Communications: Jamie Mallinger (Newsletter) and Susan Blott (website); Conservation: Julia Syburg and chair-elect Becky Druml; Horticulture: Julie Rolfs and chair-elect Sarah Spencer; Floral Design: Joanne Janzer and chair-elect Lara Ehram; Photography: Monica Tighe and chair-elect Patty Gallant; Program: Jackie Rehm and chair-elect Diana Markus; Ways and Means: Anne Frigo and chair-elect Bette Massaro; Past Presidents; Meg Schoenecker and Connie Tjarkesn.

Appointed Committee Chairpersons: Awards: Sherri Kasdorf; Bulletin Karen Kindel (Y2); Garden History & Design: Jan McKenna and chair-elect Mary Stippich; Historian: Linda Klimowicz; Holly Berry: Andrea Psaras and TBD; Membership: Karen Gardner (Y2) and Julie Petri; Nominating: Meg Schoenecker and Connie Tjarkesn; Scholarship: Lynn Shannon; Spring Plant Sale: Judy Hansen; Summer garden party; Deb Kaerek; Visiting Gardens: Cindy Johnson (Y2) and Elizabeth Meier; Founders' Fund: Jan Ewald

Motion to approve Linda Klimowicz; seconded Kathy Friend Motion Approved.

Strategic Planning: Patty Brink The committee reviewed the previous Strategic Plan (2014) and also member comments from survey. This report reflects the committee's findings on Evaluation, Assessment, Planning, and

Implementation. Areas of focus: Review and revise job descriptions, review and revise by-laws; enhance new member experience; enhance current member satisfaction; evaluate communication within club and with community. Goals and action plans were enumerated with reevaluation at the end of two years. Patty and committee were thanked for a very thorough job on a difficult task.

Awards: Madonna Williams The following awards were presented:

William Wightman Winkler Award to a member for continued, exceptional support of club activities for 15 years or more to Diana Markus

Caroline Fleager Award to a member who exemplifies enthusiasm and creativity in flower arranging with prime consideration given to a novice to Joanne Janzer

Mary White Rix Memorial Award to a member, active three years or less, for outstanding participation including attendance, volunteerism, and participation to Margaret Hollister

Traveling Trophies: Floral design to Bette Massaro; Horticulture to Jackie Rehm; Photography to Kari Pietsch-Wangard;

Special Recognition for 35 year of service to Shelley Kotovic.

New KMGC awards: Appreciation to Susan Blott; Gratitude to Kari Pietsch-Wangard; and Strength of Purpose to Julia Syburg.

Holly Berry: Barb Farnham Invitations can be picked up on your way out and sign-up sheets are there also. Workers on day of Holly Berry can purchase a lunch for \$25 and will not be seated at a table as they will be working. Guests will be served lunch at 12:00 noon.

President Susan Esslinger thanked everyone for their participation on committees and Board and asked for motion to adjourn. **Motion to adjourn Diana Markus; seconded Kari. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.**

Submitted by, Janet McKenna