

KMGC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 STONE BANK FARM

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Presidents Meg Schoenecker and Connie Tjarsen.

Attendance was taken by Connie.

Jackie Rehm introduced speaker Joeann Genetti to discuss “Putting Your Garden to Bed for the Winter.” Some highlights:

1. Weed now; remove anything diseased and do not compost. Remove any plant you do not want to reseed. 2.
- Good source for commercial compost is Certified Products in New Berlin 262-542-2270. It’s organic without weeds. Spread five inches over entire garden, but keep at least one foot away from trees. Do not mulch gardens. Mulch depletes nitrogen as it decomposes; compost renews it. 3.
- Disinfect pruners after each cut. Small bottle of Lysol spray works well.

Approval of minutes was deferred until next meeting.

By-law Change – Connie and Meg took questions from members about the elimination of “affiliate” status in our membership. Their concerns focused on how “active” members needed to be, especially in attending meetings and taking leadership or committee positions. It was explained that the change in membership designations does not require attending all meetings as the word “all” will be removed from by-laws. While members are encouraged to attend meetings and remain active, only Provisional members are required to do so. The motion was read again (see attached). A motion to approve the by-law change was made by Susan Esslinger, seconded by Shelley Kotovic. Members voted by secret ballot which were counted by Connie.

Treasurer’s Report – Kari Pietsch-Wangard (see attached) She explained that the discrepancy in Sendik’s expenses and receipts was a timing issue as to when cards were purchased.

Communications - Susan Blott Deadline for next Newsletter is September 23.

Art en Fleurs - Susan Blott. This major GCA flower show held in conjunction with the three other Wisconsin clubs will be Sept. 9-11, 2024 at St. John’s on the Lake. KMGC is heading this effort so we would like to fill as many leadership slots as possible with our members. Please respond by volunteering for a position and don’t worry about doing it alone.

Program – Kristin Hieb October meeting features our club awards and will be held at Oconomowoc Lake Club. Cost is \$40 and checks should be sent to Kris.

Membership – Barb Farnham Applications are due October 31. It’s important the primary sponsors inform prospective members of club expectations and also act as mentors to them the first year or so.

Horticulture – Jackie Rehm There were eight entries for the **Begonia** challenge which prompted some tips on getting plants ready to show: Pots should be clean, soil should have top dressing, and plants should be nicely pruned. All these pointers are available on GCA website. Horticulture winners:

Class A. Begonia: first, Jackie Rehm; second, Kathe Biersach; third, Susan Blott

Class B. “Last Bloom of Summer” divided into two groups:

1. First, Jackie; second, Kathe Biersach, third, Julie Meier; honorable mention, Kathe Biersach. 2.

Hydrangeas: first, Jackie; second, Julie Meier; third, Margaret Hollister

Class

C. Par First: Jackie

Floral - Lyndsey Glasener The entrants for the design challenge “Wreath Made of Grasses” were outstanding and deserved special recognition so more than one winner was awarded in each place. First, Monica Tighe and Lyndsey; second, Bette Massaro and Jill Muehlmeier; third, Jannelle Peterson and Susan Esslinger. Next month is not a challenge

but members are invited to bring a centerpiece “Park of Plenty Cornucopia” with living plant materials found in Central Park in NYC.

Photography - Margaret Hollister Judging was not complete so results will be sent out. The September Newsletter has a link to all photos submitted.

Conservation - Julie Meier Book discussion was held on Dan Egan’s “Death and Life of the Great Lakes”. It is a worthwhile read if you weren’t able to do so yet.

Planting will take place in Ice Age Trail area with ephemerals and other plants purchased with GCA **Partners for Plants**. Date for the planting will be announced soon.

Holly Berry –Please check the mailing list being passed around for accuracy. Sign up to volunteer or donate bakery or food items on sign-up sheets at meeting today or Sign-up Genius on-line. Invitations can be picked up at the October luncheon.

Visiting Gardens- No report

Nominating - There are still a few positions to be filled.

Results of Vote to Change By-Laws – Connie Tjarksen reported 44 in favor; 2 opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 2:50 PM