

KMGC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2022, HARTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Connie Tjarksen with 28 in attendance. Connie introduced guest speaker Sarah Starrett, a member of Green Tree Garden Club and a GCA photography judge. She has won numerous photography competitions and been GCA Zone XI Photography chair. Her presentation "The Golden Hour" emphasized the importance of the timing for taking the best photographs. She also offered numerous tips on enhancing photographs with tripods, web sites, and the latest technology.

At 1:50 PM Connie began the business meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Kari Pietsch-Wangard (see attached) Approved

New Business – Connie The board has recommended a change to our by-laws that would eliminate the distinction between Active and Affiliate members (see attached). The reason for this is to do away with the cap on active members as the participation of all members is needed. The goal is to have 100 active and dues paying members, with another category of Honorary membership after forty years. This change will require a 51% approval by entire membership at the September meeting. For those unable to attend, there will be opportunity to vote via e-mail. Connie opened it up for discussion of which there was none.

Newsletter – Connie for Susan Blott Deadline for September is **August 23**. Please send articles as attachment and photos in Jpeg.

Program- Connie Next meeting will be at Stone Bank Farm on **September 15**. There is parking next to barn for those unable to walk down the hill.

Membership – Connie for Barb Farnham Deadline for applications is **October 31**. Applications can be obtained on KMGC website.

Conservation – Julie Meier The committee will host a book discussion of Dan Egan's "Death and Life of the Great Lakes" on **September 13** at 9:30 at the Meier carriage house. All are welcome to come and learn more about this timely topic. The Partners for Plants grant to purchase plantings for the Ice Age Trail in Hartland must be used by June 30, 2023. The committee is contacting several organizations to see if they have volunteers to maintain the plants as the Ice Age Trail does not at this time. Planting will hopefully take place this September or next May.

Horticulture – Jackie Rehm Club Flower show winners were announced, with Jackie and Julia Syburg each winning two firsts. Reminder: Cut specimens should be in a clear glass container, water filled to the neck, and stem not touching sides. Stem should be secured with natural materials only, such as cork, celery, or a rolled-up leaf. No plastics.

Floral Design – **Sonja Durkee** There was only one entry for the *Pave* challenge, a lovely one by Susan Esslinger.

Photography – Maureen Hill The winners of the photography challenge "Using pathways to create movement through landscape" were: 1st Kari Pietsch-Wangard, 2nd Maureen Hill, 3rd Kari, and Honorable Mention Sonja Durkee. In each month's Newsletter there will be link for submitting entries and Maureen would be happy to help you do that. Congratulations to Kari and Sonja who won awards at the Lake Geneva Flower Show last month. The Photography committee will have a field trip to Genetti Gardens on **August 23 at 3:00PM**.

Ways and Means – Kathy Friend We have received many nice "thank you" notes for our donations.

Scholarship – Jan Ewald This year's scholarship winners are: Hailee Fritsch from UW Green Bay who is studying to become an ecological and conservation scientist; and Madelyn Doucette from UW Stevens Point who will pursue a career in urban forestry. The committee will look at new ways to communicate with students about our scholarship opportunities.

Holly Berry – Monica Tighe Please mark your calendars for **November 29**. Volunteer sign-up as well as Sign-up Genius will be available next month.

Nominating – Julia Syburg Committee has met and calls are being made. Please return calls if you are contacted.

Awards – Madonna Williams Please return outstanding circulating awards to Madonna ASAP so they can be passed on at October meeting.

Visiting Gardens – Jackie We had three wonderful garden visits and maybe there will be time for one more. Contact Jackie if you would like to open your garden for others to see.

Art en Fleurs – Jan Ewald Please read blasts to stay informed and sign up for committees.

Motion to adjourn: Jan Ewald; seconded Susan Esslinger. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.