

Kettle Moraine Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2022, Chenequa Country Club

Sonja Durkee introduced the speaker Virginia Small, an award-winning journalist and former gardening editor for her presentation on Frederick Law Olmsted: Lasting Landscape Legacies in Milwaukee and Beyond.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 1:47 pm by Co-President Connie Tjarksen.

Treasurer's Report – Kari Pietsch-Wangard

KMGC Cash Balances as of 3/31/22.

Operating Account:	\$ 29,587.84
Civic Account:	\$ 53,291.35
Money Mkt. Acct.:	\$ 32,005.46
Total Cash Balances:	\$114,884.65
<u>12/31/21 Cash Bal.:</u>	<u>\$105,848.31</u>
Difference:	\$ 9,036.34

Since 12/31/21 our actual budget has incurred income of \$14,702.97 and expenses of \$388.86.

Susan Esslinger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Mary Lou Findley seconded. Motion passed.

Communications - Susan Blott

The deadline for the May newsletter is April 23. Please email Sue your articles in a Word doc with photos as attachments.

Programs - Kristin Hieb

Our next program will be on Thursday, May 19 at the Okauchee Lions Park. Mama D's will be providing us with boxed lunches at a cost of \$13 per person. Please send a check made out to KMGC to Kris Hieb or to the club's PO Box.

Membership - Mary Lou Findley

KMGC has 5 new provisional members for 2022. They will be introduced at the May meeting.

Horticulture - Jackie Rehm.

- April Flower Show: (Judged by Sally Ruf)
 - IIA Tulip: (No entries... too early still this Spring.)
 - IIB First Bloom of Spring: 1st Dwarf Iris, Jackie Reim; 2nd Siberian Squill, Lara Ehram; 3rd Hellebores, Jackie Rehm; HM Daffodil, Susan Esslinger; HM Snow Drop, Susan Esslinger
 - IIC Par: 1st – Rattlesnake Plant, Jackie Rehm
- September Meeting speaker will be Joeann Genetti, "Putting Your Beds Away for Winter".

- Kathleen Jones of GCA was so impressed with our monthly Olmsted themed Flower Show quotes, she will be sharing them.
- We will be making a nomination for the Freeman Medal of a woody plant.
- The Horticulture Committee will be presenting an activity at Camp Whitcomb Mason this summer.
- Our next Horticulture Committee meeting is today following this meeting.

Conservation - Linda Klimowicz

- Linda and Julie Meier attended the NAL Conference virtually this winter learning about national legislation that we can advocate for on the Wisconsin and local level.
- A Conservation Committee meeting is in the plans for the end of April. Look for a notice in an E-Blast.

Floral Design - Lyndsey Glasener

- April Flower Show: (Judged by Susan Esslinger and Jill Muehlmeier)
 III: 1st Lyndsey Glasener, 2nd Sonja Durkee, 3rd Judy Stark, HM Jannelle Peterson
 Display Only: Andrea Psaris, Jill Meuhlmeier, Connie Tjarksen
- May Flower Show: Picnic in the Park – Don't Forget Your Hat! There will be a FD workshop on 5/18 at 4:30 for guidance if needed. Let Lyndsey or Bette Massaro know if you want to be included in the mailing list for future workshops. You do not need to be a committee member.

Photography - Maureen Hill

- April Flower Show: (Judged by Lake Minnetonka GC Member Lisa)
 IA Color: 1st Susan Blott, 2nd Jannelle Peterson, 3rd Kari Pietsch-Wangard
 IB B&W: 1st Monica Tighe, 2nd Kari Pietsch-Wangard, 3rd Sonja Durkee
- Monday, April 25 at 4:00 GCA Zoom Workshop on Macro Photography by Mike Motts
- Our next Photography Committee meeting is 5/4 at 2:00 at Susan Esslinger's home.
- May Flower Show: Photos due on Poll Unit on 5/12 (One week before General Meeting).

Visiting Gardens - Jackie Rehm

Please let Jackie or Debbie Treis know if you want to show your garden off!

Ways & Means - Kathy Friend & Lynn Shannon

- We've received 5 Applications by the April 1, 2022 deadline. We will be meeting with the committee to vote on projects that we have a little of \$25,000 available for funding and those recipients will be announced at the May Meeting.
- We plan to do a site visit to the Waukesha Food Pantry, a 2021 recipient of funding.

Garden History and Design - Sonja Durkee

June 7th will be the "Day In The Park" outing. Invites & RSVP cards were mailed. A tour of the Olmsted designed Lake Park will kick off the day followed by a luncheon, presentation and Olmsted exhibit at Villa Terrace.

Bulletin - Lara Ehram

The Spring 2022 Bulletin features an article about the 2021 Holly Berry Event in the News Worthy section.

Holly Berry - Monica Tighe

We are 7 months away from Holly Berry 2022 – November 29.

Scholarships - Jan Ewald (via Connie Tjarksen)

There has been an extension on the due date for scholarships to 5/15/22.

Spring Plant Sale - Debbie Kaerek (via Connie Tjarksen)

The sale will be held on May 10 from 9:00-5:00 at Shady Lane. Mention the KMGC at checkout for us to ear 25% of the sales.

Summer Garden Party – Sherri Kasdorf & Liz Boelter (via Connie Tjarksen)

The party will be held at Sherri's home on the evening of July 14.

Old Business: NONE**New Business:**

The Lake Geneva Garden Club has asked us to second their proposal for the Founder's Fund Award. They are planning a restoration of an Oak Grove and 5 miles of walking trails at the Yerkes Observatory. The grounds surrounding the Observatory were planned by Olmsted's landscape architecture firm in the 1890's and they want to bring the grounds back to those plans. The LGGC were our seconder for the Bee Healthy Garden Founder's Fund Project. There is no monetary obligation or other support tied to this. However, they are having planting days on 5/7 and 5/14 if anyone wants to help. And they will be hosting a GCA Flower Show on 7/22-24. Entries, clerks and judges are needed. The grounds are stunning and the observatory itself magnificent and worth a tour. Per our by-laws, we just needed the board to pass the proposal to be their seconder, which we did unanimously at the 4/18/22 Board Meeting and then announce this to the membership at today's meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Diana Markus and seconded by Jannelle Peterson.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lara Ehram (Bulletin Chair and Horticulture Chair Elect)