Kettle Moraine Garden Club General Meeting
Shorehaven – Roehl Auditorium
August 20, 2026

President Pam Angst called the meeting to order at 2:00pm and asked for approval of the Minutes from July General Meeting. Susan E pointed out that the Treasurer's Report should read "Accepted" rather than "Approved. Motion to approve the corrected Minutes, first by Susan E, seconded by Karen G. Corrected Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kari Pietsch-Wangard.

Operating Account $52,046.84 Civic Account $45,396.94 $15,000 CD $16,508.08
Money Market $16,597.67 Total $130,549.53 Difference from 6/30/26 -$31,448.54

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Cindy J, seconded by Lara E. Treasurer's Report accepted.

Communications: Anne Frigo. Deadline for the September/October newsletter is August 23rd.

Website: No Report

Membership/Nominating: Susan Esslinger. Two applications have already been received. There will be a meeting August 25th to look at the old application forms and see if anything needs to be changed. November 1st is the deadline for new member applications. 100 is the maximum number of members in KMGC.

Bylaws: Sue Blott. The committee is currently looking at Article 2 in the current bylaws. There will be an article in the newsletter looking at an area of the bylaws on membership. Please read the article. A Code of Conduct Policy will be added. This gives KMGC legal backing in the event a conduct issue arises.

Floral Design: Amy Wolf. Carolyn Jackson, from Ikebana Society, was the speaker for the general meeting, The deadline to sign up for the visit to Lucky Farms is Friday, August 21st. The floral design challenge is Refuse, Reduce, Repurpose, Recycle.
Floral Design Show Winners:
1st Lara
2nd Jill M

Garden History & Design: Susan Esslinger. The current chair-elect is unable to continue her position and Meg Schoenecker has offered to accept the two-year position.

Programs: No report.

Conservation: Jack Bothwell. The Patrick Smith Garden tour was a great success. There will be a Johnson's Nursery tour, including the propagation area, followed by a Q&A session on August 27, 10-12. Bring a bag lunch. The US Forest Service is moving to allow logging in national forests. There are 1.5 million acres of national forest in Wisconsin. Impacts: drinking water, hunting, fishing, tourism, wildlife, native plants. Contact state government officials with concerns.

Horticulture: Pam Angst for Sallie Siepmann. The committee is arranging a field trip to Gwenyn Hill Farm in the near future.
Flower Show Winners:
Hosta
1st - Connie, Sallie, Lara, Lara, Connie
Annual Zinnia
1st Stacy B
2nd Julie R
Annual
1st Julie R
2nd Lara E

Photography: Jill Repp. 17 people participated in the photography challenge! September Challenge: In Transition, seek out the visual changes of the season.
Photo Show Winners:
1st Kari
2nd Monica T
3rd Kari
HM Stacy B

Holly Berry: Jill M. Shopping inventory has been delivered. The benefit of ordering late is that much of it was on sale. A Sign-Up Genius will soon be sent out.

Bulletin: No report.

Garden History & Design: Sonja. Moving forward with documenting Jack's garden for the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens.

Historian: No Report

GCA Judges Chair: No report.

Scholarships: No report.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Summer Garden Party: Jan Ewald. The SGP had a great turnout and fun was had by all who attended.

Visiting Gardens: Bonnie S. Please let us visit your garden!

Old Business: none.

New Business: Sue Blott. Art en Fleurs Horticulture Chairperson has currently stepped down for personal reasons, the committee is desperately looking for someone to take her place. Sue will announce this at the general meeting. Pam Angst and Karen Gardner have recently toured the Hilton for the Celebration Party that KMGC will be in charge of.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Meg S, seconded by Diana M. Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Meier.