

Kettle Moraine Garden Club
Membership Meeting July 21, 2022
Lapham Peak Trekker Lodge

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by co-Presidents Connie Tjarksen and Meg Schoenecker after the presentation sponsored by the Floral Design Committee. Bette Massaro introduced the speaker, Lisa Belisle, Owner of Flora Elements: Thinking Out of the Box. Winners of the created floral arrangements were Peggy Ambler (guest of Connie Tjarksen) and Maureen Hill. 37 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer: Kari Pietch-Wangard reviewed cash balances with current month spending of \$19,779.81 out of the civic account for expenses mostly related to Grant and Scholarship dispersal.

Current operating account balance is \$30,336.25.

Current civic account balance is \$26,575.38.

Money Market Account balance is \$32,007.05. We profited \$2,768.26 from the Olmsted event and \$2,175.00 from the Spring Plant Sale. **** WE DID NOT APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT in error. TABLE TO AUGUST or Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Lara Ehram, seconded by Meg Schoenecker, all approved?**

Communications - Susan Blott.

Deadline for the August newsletter will be July 23rd. Please email your submission in a Word document with committee designation. Photos should be in a separate attachment and any persons should be named.

Art En Fleur - Susan Blott, Maureen Hill, Kari Pietsch-Wangard

Maureen unveiled the created logo for the September 2024 Art En Fleur which the KMGC is running in conjunction with the other SE Wisconsin clubs. It is the Milwaukee flag with a flower outlined in the rising sun and water. The event will be held at St. John's on the Lake. You have the opportunity to choose how you would like to be involved before the other clubs. In August, a Sign-Up Genius will be sent out with job positions (descriptions can be found on the GCA website or email any of the committee chairs); other clubs will get the chance to sign up in September.

Programs - Kris Hieb.

Thank you for the great attendance today. After the meeting please stay for a tour of the new Education Center which we granted money for about ten years ago.

Conservation - Linda Klimowitz

The GCA Conservation focus this year is water, clean drinking water as well as for our lakes, rivers and streams. The book club book selection for the KMGC is *Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan. A meeting date will be forthcoming. The other project of the committee is the Partners for Plants program which involves removing invasive species and replacing them with natives. We have been involved on the Hartland Ice Age Trail segment in doing so. The committee is also planning to meet in August, date to come.

Horticulture – Jackie Rehm.

Adding to the Partners for Plants program that Horticulture works on as well as conservation. We did receive another grant this year for \$1,500 and still have \$700 from last year to spend. We will be doing a planting on the Ice Age Trail this fall as well as early next spring and will need a bevy of volunteers as we will have 100's of plants to put in.

A meeting will be held at the Merton Town Hall on Monday, July 25 at 6:30 pm regarding the possibility of a deer cull in the town. Please consider attending to support this need as the deer bring in disease, cause automobile and bike accidents as well as so much property damage to trees and plants. They are hoping for the approval of doe tags and deer would be taken out on permissible private property by bow hunters.

July flower show:

We had an excellent show this month, thank you for all the submissions, to our judge Sally Ruf and clerk Lara Ehram. First places were for Echinacea purpura was Julia Syburg, Echinacea hybrid Jackie Rehm, Plant Grown for it Foliage Hosta Lara Ehram and Open Jackie Rehm, Pars were Jackie Rehm Oriental Lily and Lara Ehram Zinnia.

Photography – Maureen Hill

Our July challenge was "Subordination: A photo with plant material that demonstrates how a structure of decorative plantings enhances (a) or detracts (b) from a park experience. winners were (a) 1st Sonja Durkee, 2nd Susan Blott, 3rd Maureen Hill and HM Maureen Hill and (b) 1st Sonja Durkee. We had ten entries total.

The August challenge is another Olmsted themed contest pertaining to the Separation of Space for different purposes. Sarah Starett will be the August Programs speaker on photography during the "Golden Hour". There will be a photography committee field trip on 8/23 to Joanne Gennetti's gardens at 4:00.

Floral Design – Bette Massaro

No Report but thank you to our speaker Lisa Belisle for our presentation today.

Ways and Means – Lynn Shannon

Checks have been disbursed to all the grant recipients. We had a great field trip to the Waukesha Food Pantry, thank you to Lara Ehram for taking photos for the newsletter.

Holly Berry – Monica Tighe

The committee is in full swing working on the November 28, 2022 Holly Berry Event. They are looking for donations from our membership to round out the auction. Please let the committee know by September 1 what you can contribute. Ideas such as landscape design or plantings, yoga gatherings, pontoon dinner and lake tours, airplane or hot air balloon excursions, bicycle trips, tickets to sporting events or concerts, coffee with a celebrity or government official, pickle ball party, wine and charcuterie board for a party, pie of the month club, cookies for a year and any other creative idea you may have are needed!

Membership- Barb Farnham.

Forms are available from Barb Farnham to propose a new member, deadline is 11/1/22.

Nominating - Julia Syburg

The Nominating Committee is working on filling next year's leadership vacancies. At the moment, we have 14 vacant positions to fill with 18 active members not yet slated. Open positions are Vice President, Recording Secretary, and chair-elects (where you work alongside this year's promoted chair elect and learn the role) in Conservation, Horticulture, Photography, Floral Design, Programs, Ways & Means, Bulletin, Holly Berry (2), Visiting Gardens and Membership. If you currently do not have a position for next year and know where you'd like to lead, contact Julia.

Summer Garden Party – Sherri Kasdorf

The party last Thursday was a great time with a great turn out on a beautiful summer night. Thank you to the Floral Design committee for providing 8 arrangements for the party. There was a profit of \$188.09.

Visiting Gardens - Jackie Rehm.

There was a pop up tour of her beautiful gardens on Tuesday of this week. Please consider showing off your garden, they should all be in full bloom now.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn made by Patty Curtes, seconded by Jannelle Peterson. Meeting adjourned.

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