

KMGC General Meeting
May 18, 2023
Chenequa Country Club

Present: Approximately 64 attendees

President Susan Esslinger called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Susan thanked Janelle for organizing the wonderful luncheon.

Corrections to the April General Meeting were announced.

Motion to approve April 2023 General Meeting Minutes raised by Bette Massaro, seconded by Pam Angst **APPROVED**

Treasurer's Report – Kari Pietsch-Wangard - Operating Account \$36,063.12; Civic Account \$59,585.49; Money Market Account \$31,526.01. Difference from prior month: \$940.21
Collected all 2023 dues.

Motion to approve April 30,2023 financial report raised by Karen Gosewehr and seconded by Mary Lou Findley **APPROVED**

Communication – Susan Blott- The next newsletter deadline is May 23rd but feel free to submit earlier. Please remember all submissions should be in Word and images should be 1mb or larger.

Directory – Pam Angst - The updated section of the photo directory as well as corrections to the directory are available. Please pick up at the end of meeting.

Horticulture – Lara Ehsam – She gave a brief description of her job as Horticulture Chair.

May 4th workshop was well-attended workshop at Lara's. Attendees practiced putting together entries for our flower shows. If you want a bottle for specimens or notes of the workshop, please contact Lara.

The member September challenge plant – the Coleus – will be handed out at the end of the meeting.

For judging – only one specimen in Par and two specimens in other divisions allowed. The time to enter is a hard stop.

May Flower Show

Judges: Mary Lou Findley and Judy McBroom

Winners:

- A. Tulip – Jannelle Peterson
- B. Native Perennial – 1st Columbine – Julia Syburg, Pasque – Kristen Hieb, 2nd Garden Phlox – Jackie Rehm
- C. Par – Chokeberry – Susan Blott

Floral Design – Bette Massaro

May Flower Show Winners:

- 1st - Bette Massaro and Andrea Psaras
- 2nd – Jill Muehlmeier
- 3rd – Becky Druml

On June 20th 10-11:30 there will be a field trip to the Boerner Botanical Garden Rosarium. Will Radler will give us a tour. There will be a cost associated with the field trip. Details will follow.

Elaine Burke and Margot Paddock will do a floral design workshop to teach design concepts for AeF in September.

Conservation – Linda Klimowicz - The Conservation group met to determine that this year's focus will be water. A sub theme will be the plants in our lakes – invasive or not. Linda is looking to put the books recommended by the Conservation Committee in the North Lake Town Hall Library.

June 2nd at 10 am – next Conservation meeting at Linda's house.

Photography – Margaret Hollister – There was a well-attend meeting last week at Monica's. Mike Crivello spoke about the difference between close up and macrphotography.

There will be a new charge of \$5 to enter our monthly Photography shows to offset the cost of printing the pictures for the meeting. Margaret will collect the fee.

The field trip to the Laurentide Farm must be cancelled. They are working on an extensive renovation. We hope to go there next year. A new field trip to the West Allis Farmer's market will be Thursday, June 29th. Please meet at the market between 11:15 and 11:30

Sarah Starrett will be the speaker for the June General Meeting. Please make sure your phones are charged and feel free to bring DSLR if you would like.

May Photography Show – Color Purple

- A. Micro

1st – Kari Pietsch-Wangard

2nd – Andrea Psaras

3rd – Jannelle Peterson

B. Non-micro

1st – Maureen Hill

2nd – Julia Syburg

3rd – Kari Pietsch-Wangard

Ways and Means – Lynn Shannon

The KMGC Board approved the following grants:

Waukesha Food Pantry - \$3,000

Old World Wisconsin - \$2,000

Friends of Boerner Botanical Garden - \$5,000

Please newsletter for further descriptions of projects

There will be a field trip next summer to one of these sites to see the grant money at work.

Summer Garden Party – Sherri Kasdorf – Party is set for July 13th at 6:00 pm at Barb Farnham's house. Spouses are included.

Awards – Madonna Williams – She gave a brief description of her job as Awards Chair

Madonna gave Judy Stark her GCA Floral Design Judge Emeritus award as she was unable to attend the October 2022 Luncheon

Madonna gave Judy McBrom her GCA 25 years of service award as she was unable to attend the October 2022 luncheon.

Plant Sale – Debbie Kaerek – It was a well-attended event. KMGC will get 25% of the proceeds. We will not know the amount until we receive the check. The sale is extended through the end of the month. Please keep your receipts and let Debbie know if you went later in the month so she can keep track of our donation.

Holly Berry – Jill Muehlmeier

On May 22 the Steering Committee will meet at Lyndsey Glasener's house.

All provisionals are asked to stay after the meeting.

The Holly Berry chairs are still looking for volunteers to help with Big Board.

Programs – Jannelle Peterson – May's General Meeting and Luncheon is set for Thursday. The Flower Show will start at 11:00.

Janelle and her children planted the flowers at the Lion's Park for KMGC. A big thank you for working on such a hot day!

Art en Fleur – Susan Blott - The AeF team is working hard to get the draft of the schedule off to the GCA Floral Design representative.

Strategic Plan – Patty Brink

The original Strategic Plan was developed in 2014 with a revision in 2029.

A questionnaire has been developed and will be sent to the general membership to determine the most important areas of concern that will impact the future viability of the club.

After the results are in, a meeting (tentatively scheduled for August 10th 1-5 pm at Chenequa Country Club) will be held with the current board to determine how to strengthen, revise or rewrite the 2019-2020 Strategic Plan.

It is our intention to utilize the GCA's Strategic Focus as a template to simplify the KMGC Plan.

The current goals are:

- Strengthen Leadership
- Enhance Membership
- Improve Educational Programming
- Support and Promote KMGC Beneficial Affiliation with GCA
- Enhance cohesiveness of our members within our club and increase our interaction with other Zone XI GCA clubs
- Support & Strengthen communication with our members and the community at large
- Proved Financial Stewardship for membership, philanthropic fundraising & annual donations given to civic organizations aligned with our mission.

Membership – Mary Lou Findley – New member applications are due November 1. She also told us Titina Cousland has resigned.

New Business

Elaine Buurke won the hat raffle.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Judy Hansen and seconded by Karen Sonderman Meeting was adjourned at 2:04pm **APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted by Connie Tjarksen, Recording Secretary

