

## Garden Club Wednesday, October 4, Meeting minutes

Attendees: Corya Channing, Judy Ayers, Dawn Vanzo, Liz Locke, Joanne Stratton, Robert Northington, Karin Crane, Elizabeth Wallish

Absent: Carol Smith

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Called to order 7:10PM

Corya voted to accept Sept 2017 minutes. Karin second the motion.

VP report - Fernwood Gardens in Nile, MI outing schedule for Oct 14. Meet at Aquatorium at 7:45A to get there for 10:30A tour. Lunch reservation at 12:30P. Also, our Brats n Bulbs advertisement made it into Chicagoland Gardening Magazine. (Thanks Joanne!!)

Brats & Bulbs chaired by Liz Locke w/ co-chair Diane Plenys. Flyers are available for distribution. Diane Plenys house on Tues 10/10 at 6P to discuss planning. Irene and husband part of committee to co-chair. Karin Crane house on Thursday 10/19 from 10A-12P for bulb labeling. Liz will do printing of labels. Bring sharpie and stapler. Angie at Captain's House for cookies at \$1.50 each. Serve hot cider if outside temp is cold. Need to get large hay bales (Remus has large bales for \$7.99). Using 2 tents from Corya and Karen. Robert and Elizabeth as cashiers. Marie, Karen, Liz will educate people about bulbs. Joanne will get dates changes on banners. Craig Smith will cook brats. Corya to sell GC merchandise. Judy for support!

Treasurer report – was locked out of account but getting it straightened out.

### Elections:

Robert Northington elected as new Secretary.

Elizabeth Wallish elected new Vice President. VP will get speakers for April, May, Sept meetings in 2018. Joanne, former VP, will still manage PR and MBA board. Joanne and Elizabeth to meeting regarding banners for BnB and make changes to them.

Community gardens – Dawn needs keys to Aquatorium. She's planted Kale (thanks Karin, Irene S. and husband). Currently only Corya, Karin, Cleo have keys.

Sue Rutsen and Nancy will take member badges and store for winter.

Benches: Plaques being ordered from company in Indianapolis / they are Bronze, the size of a dollar bill / \$150 each.

New antiques business on NW corner of Lake Street and 4<sup>th</sup>. This is where the new garbage can will be placed.

Garden Walk 2018 has reserved two weekends at the Aquatorium, July 7/8 and July 14/15. Judy has also confirmed 2 gardens so far, Judge Diane Bozwell – a zero scaping garden and Frank of Froggy's Landscaping.

Considering lanyards for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on CustomInk.com website. 500 are \$2.47 each.

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Chair – Corya Channing

[www.chapmankelley.com](http://www.chapmankelley.com) and Miller Arts District determined a 70%-30% sales split of Chapman Kelly's artwork. No rental cost for the space was mentioned at the last meeting between Corya and Meg Roman. Chapman Kelly waived his speaker fee. MGC receives no compensation if paintings are sold.

The big celebration could look like this:

March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gardening movie

March 10 – Big Celebration with Chapman Kelly - charging attendees anywhere from \$25-\$45

March 17 – Daytime meeting for GC followed by something like a craft 'Bat House' event.

Some board members are concerned that three weekends is too much work.

We are considering other partners for our event like Save the Dunes and Friends of Marquette Park.

We hope to partner with Datamine as they celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> years too.

Visit to Chapman's studio in Hyde Park will include Corya, Craig, Robert, and ?

Irene Sowala, a garden club volunteer, is hosting a fund raiser to help with large medical expenses. To be held Saturday, November 4, at 4PM in Portage.

Farmers Market season has ended: Thank you Karin, Corya, Robert, Marie, Cleo, Joanne!