

Miller Garden Club General Meeting Sat March 17, 2018

President- Corya Channing called the general meeting to order.

President Channing Shared Memorial thoughts of Tom Eaton

New Business- Corya Channing

“Bonus” MGC Club meeting scheduled for Saturday May 19 (the week following the Plant and Rummage Sale). Speaker on “Urban Foraging” David Durkewitz will give a presentation and demonstration of edible plants found nearby.–

Community Gardens were discussed, the function of the gardens , volunteers and plans for 2018.

Lake Street planters and the possibility of relocating existing plants if the redevelopment plan is implemented was discussed nothing was decided on. Irene and Steve have committed to working Lake Street Planters The Lake Street 2019 redesign has been rescheduled and the plants will need to be rehomed.

Dawn Vanzo presented a brief community garden report. Aquatorium clean up and dogwood pruning will happen 9:00 am on the 21st (Carol and Karin)

There is a sign- up sheet for **Early Birds** -- those that would like to help clean up the courtyard 1 hour prior to the general meeting next month.

Garden Walk “Angels”, are needed. These volunteers help garden walk participants with light weeding etc in preparation for the walk.

Fr. Marquette garden A request and discussion regarding a pruning and clean up at. A sign up sheet was developed.

Children’s playground cleanup was discussed to be headed by Linda Fisher, date TBA

Shelby St Triangle - Proposed boulder is not an option due to liability issues if someone crashes into it.

Plant & Rummage sale is scheduled for May 12 10am-3pm

Cleo Brown gave a review of the upcoming plant sale. Marie Engelhart and Karen Simon will speak about the Joys of volunteering and presented a signup sheet for time slots. Volunteers who work on the prep days for the sale (May 7-9) will have the opportunity to shop early.

Farmers Market Karin Crane will operate the MGC booth June, July and August & 1st Fridays. MGC (Carol Smith) will donate a crock pot of Chili for the barn dance and Gardner Center Event Sat May 5...more info to follow.

Garden Walk

Judy Ayers reports:

“Petal Pushers” is theme, using art work by a local artist. Honoring Jim Wilson.

Gardens to be visited are: ADA accessible garden at the kayak launch; Julia Gibb’s

Straw bale garden; Rutson- Rogge Vigo Street Garden; Sue Ireland LSD- Water Garden

Steve and Jody- Bocce Ball Garden; Judge Boswell- Self maintain Garden

Website

Many changes made to the site over the winter, thanks to hard work by Liz Locke. Please visit our website.

Events- Speakers

Elizabeth Wallish, VP reports: April- Native Species- Nathaneal Pilla ;May – David Durkewitz ;June- Purdue Extension Director Nikki Witkowski – Fruit Trees; July- No Meeting Garden Walk weekend; August- No Meeting as yet. TBA; September- Robert Nevel, Topic TBD

Request from George Rogge to please come to MCC, MBA and MGC Miller Community Clean up. 5-5-18 40 year tradition meet at Grand and Miller Ave 7am US 20 & Old Hobart Road clean up, Grand Blvd will be closed 8am-10am /Volunteers are needed) Sanitary District trucks will meet at Grand and Miller Ave to assist with disposal of collected trash.

Treasurer’s Report

Karin Crane shared 2017 efforts: netted \$1800 profit. If there are any questions please see her after the meeting.

Laporte Garden club walk was announced.

President Corya Channing presented a power point presentation celebrating the Club’s founding 20 years ago. She worked on this with member John Ploof.

Meeting was adjourned and a light lunch was served. Members and guests were presented with 20 year anniversary lanyards.