

March 15, 2019 General Miller Garden Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting was begun at 10:00am at the Aquatorium

Presidents Report – Elizabeth Walsh

- Bingo grossed over \$2000. Very Successful
- More than 10 new members since November
- Name tags for new members will be printed and available by the April meeting
- Events are all on the website
- Lake St. redevelopment presentation mentioned the Miller Garden Club twice and has asked our recommendations for plantings
- Build a bike storage for MGC equipment needs an inventory manager

Community Gardens

- Library-announced for volunteers for spreading organic fertilizer Sunday 3/17/19 from 10-12
- Cell Tower-announced for volunteers, dates to be announced (TBA)
- Aquatorium – announced for Early Birds for 1 hr before each meeting starting in April for spring cleanup
- Volunteer requests for weekly volunteering every Thursday 9-11am. Starting date TBA

Zully, Lagoon Outlook Garden (LOG)

- Local volunteers were involved in the planning and implementation of gardens
- LOG creation follows Universal Design for all abilities
- Installation of the launch for canoeing and kayaking and volunteers assisted in cleanup of the lagoon
- Measurement was done for the garden areas providing a map of the area
- Raised beds for low vision for the senses Sidewalks were included between them for easy movement
- Wild Ones, MCF and donations brought in native plants for the gardens
- Volunteers can join Zully every Monday from 9-12

Vice-Presidents Reports – Karin Crane

- March speakers will teach Seed Starting
- April Spring cleaning cleanup, 101 Tool use and care, soil will be covered
- Plant sale will be in May. 20 varieties of natives including shrubs,
- Sharpening will be available
- Request for volunteers for Plant Sale
- Volunteers for plant sale will get early shopping privileges on Friday night
- European Market in Chesterton will be included this year
- Volunteers requests for manning all the community gardens
- Fire Dept is available
- Old Town Hall
- LOG with Zully in on Monday 9-12 start date TBA
- Father Marquette on Tuesday with Carol S. begin TBA
- Farmers Market on Sudays needs 2 volunteers and a Board Member to man the booth in June
- The Farmers Market brought in approx.. \$2000 in 2017
 - Without MGC volunteers we will not be able to do the Farmers Market
 - Aquatorium is Thursday 9-11 start date TBA

Treasurers Report

- Mary G will take the money for the merchandise at the MGC meetings
- We're still at a slight deficit for the benches and other activities

Garden Walk - Judy Ayers and Corya Channing

- "Just Let it Grow" is the theme
- Carol Smith volunteered to do the poster artwork
- Gardens include 6 gardens: Frank Stark aka Froggy, Larry Lapidus, Lily on N. Gibson, Albert and Ruben on Maple, Meme on Union ST, Jennifer and John Gerber on the lakefront, and Pat and John Pelkey also on the lakefront.
- Gardenwalk tickets are \$12.00.

Refreshments volunteer – Judy Ayers send around for volunteers for this year's general meetings.

Membership – Sue Rutsen

- Carol Smith reported new levels of membership
- \$20 basic, Daisy, \$50 Rose \$100 Hydrangea
- You can specify the amount over \$20 to go to a specific project

Volunteers for the three money making events: Cleo Brown

- Plant Sale last year, 45 people. We need newcomers!
- Opportunities include everything from physical labor to sales. Indicate on the signup sheet if you want something specific including the date and time available. Signup was passed around to members.

Benches Carol Smith

Park board approval, installation requirements for 20 different sites

MGC committed to 5 benches, LOG 3, Each bench is \$2000

Donations toward the \$9000 commitment can be designated to pay for each bench

Grant with MCF written by Elizabeth W. was announced for a match of \$3850

Garyf Food Council – Urban ag., Blueberry day and training will be forwarded to Elizabeth and will be held March 23

Meeting adjourned and members joined Seed Starting lessons presented by Jack Tonk and Karin Crane for annuals and Carol Smith and Dawn Vanzo for natives.

Announcements

Sue Rutsen – Interagency cleanup of Miller. May 4th from 7-11am . Meet in the parking lot at Miller and Grand Av. For gloves, bags, picker-upper. You can choose where you will cleanup or ask for a group to join

Doreen Carey – Seed swap at Temple Israel seed swap today, 3/15/19 at 3pm. Bring some take some

Rotary Club gardens will announce availability and workdays will be announced thru Nextdoor