

Miller Garden Club

General Membership Meeting

March 20, 2021 — 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

MINUTES

PRESENT: Judy Ayers, Cleo Brown, Karin Crane, Mary Geroch, Kathy Grimler, Bruce Harlow, Sally Hughes, John Ploof, Carol Smith, Joanne Stratton plus 15 members

CALL TO ORDER & PRESIDENT'S WELCOME: President, Karin Crane, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone to our first General Membership meeting via Zoom. Bruce Harlow explained how we will conduct business during the business meeting and speaker's presentation. We will have a time to interact at the end of the presentation.

REVIEW and Approval of MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General meeting are posted on the Miller Garden Club website. **MOTION to approve minutes was made and seconded. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FINANCIAL REPORT: Bruce Harlow shared the financial report for the end of the year 2020. He reported that we have funds available for the Plant Sale expenses. **MOTION was made and seconded to accept the Financial report. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Volunteers – Carol Smith reported that the volunteer committee including Judy Ayers is seeking volunteers for preparation of the Plant Sale and the Plant Sale event on Saturday, May 8. Please contact us, if you would like to help.

Community Gardens Workdays – Carol Smith reported that the Community Garden Committee has met and developed a schedule for weekly volunteer times and special Saturday work days and community Gardens. Karen Simon has shared this information with area high schools in hopes of recruiting volunteers who need community service hours for graduation.

Plant Sale & Food - Karin Crane reported that Marilyn's Bakery will be supplying the food. We will have beverages, including mimosas and beer. The Plant Sale committee is working the entire week before the sale to set up for the sale: unload delivery trucks, label and price plants, set up areas for plants, food and purchases. The committee will be making trips to make final selection of plants. She encouraged members to participate in the Early Bird sale at 9:00 AM.

Garden Walk - Judy Ayers reported that She and Corya Channing met with the Garden Walk Committee, and the same gardens that were on the walk scheduled for 2020 will be on the walk this year, plus Bo Wahl with his large vegetable garden. The dates are July 10 and 11, 2021. Due to Covid-19, we will make our final decision to have the Garden Walk by the end of May. We will practice social distancing and require masks to keep everyone safe.

Education: Speakers & Outings - Pat Hofstra reported that she and Marty Bohn have planned the presenters for this year. In April, the speaker will be Soma on Japanese Zen Gardens. Watch for more news about future programs and outings.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bingo & Winter Tea resume - Karin Crane reported that we are planning to have Bingo in January and a Winter Tea in February. John Ploof and Kathy Grimler will Chair the Bingo Committee. The Winter Tea will be chaired by Corya Channing.

NIPSCO Grant - Carol Smith reported that the NIPSCO Environmental Grant for the restoration of the

Aquatorium rain gardens was submitted, and we will know if it is approved by April 22, Earth Day. She thanked the Grant Committee, Kathy Grimler, Marie Engelhart and Sandy O'Brien, for working on this grant.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Karin Crane advised everyone to go to the Miller Garden Club website and see our upcoming agendas. We will have a General meeting on April 7, 2021, via Zoom. There is not a meeting in May, due to the Plant Sale. We hope to have an in-person General Meeting on June 19, if health restrictions allow.

ADJOURNMENT:

Karin Crane adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

The Next General Membership Meeting will be **Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 10:00 AM. via Zoom.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Smith and Judy Ayers.