

The Garden Club of St. Louis
Board Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2020 @ 9am
Via Zoom

Attendance: Kathleen Rogers, Nancy Ross, Beth Niesen, Alden Pflager, Liza Weiss, Becky Smith, Janie Foster, Mokie Carmichael, Jack Holmes, Lele Bitting, Mark Critchfield, Mary Hayward, Lisa Imbs, Liz de Laperouse, Alex McNett, Mary Morgan, Linda O'Hara, Carrie Polk, Tricia Schlafly, Ulrike Schlafly, Joe Carpenter, Laura Streett, Liza Thornhill, Lisa Trulaske, Susan Werner, Diane Wyse Jackson, Lisa Trulaske, Alden Pflager

Welcome: Nancy Ross

- Thank you for signing on, today's primary focus is to review and grant the proposed process for the Green Grants discussed at the last meeting.
- Shared 2 letters of thanks: 1. Thank you letter from Lynn Jones for the flowers 2. Thank you letter from Margaret Hall for the GCSL's contribution to the GCA Second Century Campaign

Treasurer's Report: Beth Niesen

- Everything looks good so far this year. Funds are split into three accounts with \$80k from the extra zone meeting on hold for Green Grants, \$31k in savings, and \$17,080 in operating account with dues being collected.
- Collections going well so far about 60 people to be sent paper bills shortly.

Committee Updates

- Programs: Nancy Ross for Meredith Holbrook
 - Tuesday Oct 20th 5pm live zoom with Jason Delaney who will be showing how to plant amaryllis bulbs for the Holidays. Bulbs are available at Bowood and a few other local places but keep an eye on availability.
 - November program thanks to Jack Holmes. Jack will share a video recording on how to create holiday arrangements. He has also asked David Bovier to help with the video.
- Green Grants/Process Into: Liza Weiss and Becky Smith
 - Liza and Becky have been working on the application process for the GCSL Green Grants. They reached out to other garden clubs who have similar programs. The Garden Club of Cedar Rapids was particularly helpful since they recently went through a similar exercise to establish a grant program.
 - Goal is to keep the process and application simple and hopefully limit it to 1 page so as not to deter potential applicants.
 - Would like to distribute 25k this year with three allocation tiers - five 1k, two 5k and one 10k grant but the committee chairs and executive committee can adjust those tiers.
 - Liza and Becky will help people with the application process and ultimately present the applicants to the Executive Board for approval.

- Applications are due by January 15, 2021 to be voted on at the February 2021 Board meeting and then targeting April 2021 for distribution of the funds.
- Thank you to Becky and Liza for all their hard work! And thank you to Kathleen for her help with the Green Grants logo design and creation.
- Nancy Ross motioned to pass the Green Grant's Program. Mary Hayward seconds the motion. The Board unanimously voted to pass the process.
- Roster Update: Alden Pflager and Liza Weiss
 - New and improved 100% recyclable paper rosters have been printed and are available. Smaller version with just contact information of members.
 - Available to be picked up at GCSL Office at City Hall or Alden's house outside.
 - Thank you to Alden and Liza for all their hard work.

Minutes: Nancy

- Motion to pass September and May Minutes. Request made to change wording pertaining to the proposed MOBOT gift in the May Minutes . Motion passed.
- Horticulture: Linda O'Hara and Alex McNett
 - Planning to create content about winter in the garden and want to direct members to the abundance of wonderful content already available on the GCA website.
 - Encouraged people to share what they are doing in their winter gardens as well as how being in the garden in helping people.
 - Virtual Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference on September 22-23 was a success. Linda made particular note of a talk about health and the future of plants in health. She will share the link to that talk in the next newsletter.
- Photography: Carrie Polk
 - GCSL Fall Virtual Photography show "Magnificent Missouri" encouraging people to get outside and explore our beautiful state.
 - Please send up to 6 photos by November 1st to Carrie and Joe, only 3 entries at this point so please participate!
 - There are four classes: Color, Parks & Gardens, Great Rivers State and Floral Design.
 - A big thank you to Joe Carpenter who always gets photos from pop-ups and other events on the website so quickly.
- Pop Ups: Lisa Imbs
 - Wednesday, Oct 21st Landscape painting workshop with artist Anne Molasky in the Garden of Lisa Trulaske. Lisa will be serving cider, wine and donuts. Please stop by even if you are not painting. Event will be rescheduled to the spring if it rains.
 - Lisa Trulaske - November 6th at 10.30am there will be a private showing of the movie "The Gardener" at Chase Park Plaza Cinema. Concessions will be open.
- Conservation/Book Club: Kathleen Rogers for Nancy Ylvisaker
 - GCSL Conservation Book Club zoom Friday Oct 16th at 10am discussing Natures Best Hope by Doug Tallamy

- October 28th at 5pm Dr. Peter Raven Zoom talk on biodiversity “Saving Plants, Saving Ourselves”
- Holiday Lunch/2020 Format: Lele Bitting
 - Possible idea for this year Tower Grove has an annual event where they decorate the plaza, the Piper Palm House and the Director’s Residence. We could collaborate with them and decorate the trees to go into the display at the Directors Residence.
 - Another option is the Forest Park Trolley Room where we could have lunch and decorate trees to donate locally.
 - Also exploring decorating a group of evergreen trees in the park for the public to enjoy all season long.
- Club Historian: Joe Carpenter and Ulrike Schlafly
 - Joe is working on digitizing past minutes and pictures and adding them to the website.
- Awards: Mary Morgan
 - Jack Holmes recipient of the Club Floral Design Achievement Award for his brilliant work at Art in Bloom and his creative talents.
 - Alden Pflager, Kathleen Rogers and Meredith Holbrook were awarded the Medal of Merit one of the highest distinctions of the Garden Club of America for their leadership in planning and executing the Zone Meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 12 at 9am via Zoom

Nancy Ross adjourned the meeting at 10:07am

Minutes submitted by Mokie Carmichael and Janie Foster