MAHTOMEDI GARDEN CLUB MEETING
August 12, 2019 Jackie Metelak's house

Attending: Jackie Metelak (VP and speakers), Mary Berg (Asst Treas / MAL), Kay Martin (Past Pres), r, Jeanne Zlonis (Grants), Mary Kiel (Pres), Jane Harper (Treas) Gayle Huseth (MAL), Cheryl Frey (Plant sale), Renee LeMieux (Grants)

I. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:17pm.

II. The minutes from the April 8, 2018 meeting were approved after the following edits.

1. Date change in the grants report from 2018 to 2019.
2. Minutes date was changed from April 9 to April 8, 2019.
3. Treasurer's report was changed from September 1st to August 1st .

A motion was made by Jackie Metelak, seconded by Renee LeMieux and unanimously approved.

III. Financial summary of budget vs actual and input for new budget. (Report attached)

- Community Beautification budget has a secondary line since payment is for previous year.
- No discretionary monies were used this past year.
- Summer no-fuss tours are still occurring, and this will be reported later

Checkbook balance at end of fiscal year $25,780.00

IV. 75TH Anniversary Committee report/recommendations – Report submitted

- Decorative streetlight has been paid and check has cleared the bank
- Stone bench still needs approval by the city
- Climbing vines on the Arbor still needs approval by the city

Major street construction in the location has delayed to implementation of the project.

V. Discussion of committee reports

Additional reports from committees will be requested by the President and then the report will be sent to the membership.

Plant Sale

- Cheryl Frey and Jane Harper co-chaired the plant sale and it was very successful with 45 members participating in the sale. Profit from the sale was $3,296.49
- Recommendation: Eliminate the 10% discount for members and just give a discount to members who work the sale.
- Recommendation: Identify and train alternatives for major committee responsibilities
    1. Greenhouse order
    2. Volunteer recruiting and scheduling
    3. Perennial sales
    4. Publicity
    5. General overseer of sale, including financial, follow-up analysis and reporting
- Recommendation: Use sign-up genius for volunteers and no paper sign up sheets.
- Recommendation: Raise the prices by 10% as costs were higher this year

- Recommendation: Perennial sales, send email late summer for members to identify and pot plants for next year's sale and Cheryl Frey in will to trench and mulch them over winter.
- Recommendation: Garden Art and sales taxes need to be addressed.

Garden Tour

This year the ticket sale was relatively low that was multifactorial. Profit was $1,812.00

- Heather Griggs is retiring from this committee and will need to recruit another person to fill her responsibilities
- Need to recruit a ticket generator other than the President.
- Renee LeMieux had volunteered to organize party planning and prep

Youth Gardening

- Monarch class led by Jeanne Zlonis and Bonnie Frain was very successful, class was presented at the library.
- Fairy Garden changed it's venue to the WBCA location and a room fee and materials fee made the 2 day session much more expensive and instead of the anticipated 12 children had only 7.

Inspired by Nature Event

Less presentation of art occurred this year with only 8 participants, although 90 people attended the event. The WBL Center for the Arts would like to partner with us again next year.

- Recommendation- maybe a video by those presenters to help those less creative to be more creative.

Hospitality

Recently created committee to have greeters at the meetings, nametags for attendees and manage handouts. There are 8 meetings per year than include the February Outreach meeting to the community and the Christmas event.

- Recommendation: this group should coordinate the treats schedule. Discussion that a budget line for given for this and the committee would be responsible for the treats for all the meetings except the February Outreach meeting and the Christmas event, including the paper products. Plan for 35-45 people per meeting. Gayle Huseth volunteered the committee to take on this responsibility. They will be allocated a budget of $200 per year and evaluate as needed.

Nominating Committee

Wally Lauria has struggled to get nominations for the Executive Officer positions and is willing to work with others but will no longer continue as a committee of one.

- Recommendation: newly re-organize and have more members participate in this function.

Summer no-fuss tours

Still on-going

Membership Committee

Long discussion regarding new membership and involvement of committee membership. An e-Directory has been developed, the President and others are looking at other technology that would allow the membership to be able to edit their information, pay their dues on line. Since the club has gone over 100 participants, programs to complete this have fees attached and need to be researched further. Membership handbook was also discussed and the value and need to have the information current.

- Recommendations:

Task forces

- Filing of necessary business forms ongoing
- Technology and electronic tools, website has been changed, need training for committee members to be able to communicate with the membership rather than having the President of the club with that responsibility solely. Ongoing.

VI. Discussion of informal member time at meetings

Would like to have a scheduled activity after the speaker, club members etc. Discussion of members leaving quickly after the speaker is completed, allowing time for questions of the speaker, evening meetings-dark, wintery weather several want to leave.

VII Discussion of October full club meeting

A "volunteer fair" was suggested and each committee chair would have a table and information regarding their committee and the opportunity to inform members of the roles. Possibly having a 2 minute "elevator" speech in front of the group from each committee chair. Those that visit the tables would be able to put their name into a raffle container to win a $100 gift certificate to be redeemed at the plant sale.

VIII Miscellaneous

- Discussion of increasing the dues to the Club from the existing $5.00 fee per person/couple to $15.00 per person and $20.00 per couple. Research was conducted and a report was submitted April 2018. Gayle Huseth volunteered to verify those rates of current. The due increase would be effective for the 2020 year but those new members who have joined this summer will still have the $5.00 dues honored for the 2020 year.
- Discussion of changing the name of the Mahtomedi Garden Club to the Mahtomedi Area Garden Club to reflect the diversity of the memberships location.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:10pm.

Minutes submitted by; Gayle Huseth

9/28/2019 Minutes addendum:

1) Jackie Metelak made a motion that the Mahtomedi Garden club dues be $20 per household for 2020, Jeanne Zlonis seconded the motion, a quorum of the Board of Directors voted and passed the motion.
2) It was reported that a financial audit will be conducted prior to the next meeting and results reported.