

Board Meeting

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, Inc.

October 20, 2014

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Attendance: M. Truza, C. Lenchek, Bolle, C. Castle, D. Brown, B. Peters, R. Vrbensky,

Team Leaders: Kathy Sobanski, Julie Kowalk, S. Parrott, Jean Gramlich, Lucy Propst (VMS Ambassador)

Absent with Notice: Nancy Schmid, M. Dolan, Janie Grissom, DeeAnn Bauer, C. Carroll, D. Wanat

Absent without notice:

Quorum present

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

SECRETARY: R. Vrbensky presented minutes from the August 18, 2014 meeting.

MOTION: Bolle moved to approve minutes as submitted. Vrbensky 2nd. Approved

PRESIDENT:

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT/Marketing: Bolle reported

- Reviewed the logo. She will be adding website to masthead. She will send the final version to Margy and Denise to disseminate to needful parties.

SECOND VICE-PRESEIDENT: Dolan absent

- No report
- TREASURER: C. Castle presented: Treasurer's Report dated May 19 to August, 2014 and August 5-Oct 18, 2014. The May 19-August 2014 report is readjusted due to posting errors in the May minutes.

Beginning Balance	\$39,054.97
Income	\$7,379.03
Expenses	\$7,443.00
Ending Balance	\$38,991.00

MOTION: Vrbensky moved to approve both sets of minutes. Bolle 2nd. Approved

MG COORDINATOR: C. Lenchek reported –no report

TEAM REPORTS

Bower's Farm: Bolle reported

- Awesome volunteering
- 939.5 hours have been logged as of October 16, 2014 with more to come.
- 390 pounds of produce has been harvested and donated.
- Many trainees have bought and donated plants which have kept the budget down.
- Barton House Historical Society is cooperating on a number of fantastic projects.
- She will co-lead next year.

Communications: Lucy Propst is the VMA Ambassador

- For VMS questions, call Lynn at 248-858-1639 or the general admin. Number: 248-858-0887.
- Carol will publish the new contact info for her office since staffing changes have occurred at the county extension office.
- Dick will be asked to notify us when the newsletter is posted to the web.

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Development (Project Support): D. Brown reported

- Conference
 - Speakers will be: Will Allen, Kerry Ann Mendez and Mathew Benson
 - Date is April 25, 2015 with set up on April 24. April 24 has been officially reserved for this purpose.
 - Budget estimate is \$26,700.
 - The committee is regularly meeting at the church. The dates have been sent to Dick Wanat to post on the website along with the project support meeting dates.
 - Vendors are already committing with payment
 - Sally is working on "Save the date" cards
 - Asked the board to consider purchasing a patch to cover the old logo on the aprons, both existing and unopened.
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- **MOTION: Julie moved to approve the purchase of 100 patches to be used for cover on embroidery on aprons, plus a few extra. Sally 2nd. Approved.**
- Project Support
 - Potluck-A sample agenda was distributed.
 - Silent auction donations are trickling in.
 - Merchandise: sold window clings to another MG group in another county. Sales have been around \$1000 each at various venues.
 - Cookbooks-372 is remaining. They are \$15.00 each and \$17.00 gift wrapped
 - World Cup of Gardening to be held June 16-23, 2015 on Belle Isle and she is looking to sell merchandise there.

Education/Programs: Betty Peters

- General meetings will continue to be held 2nd Tue of the month except April. The meeting in April will be at Telly's the 1st week. All 2015 speakers are booked.
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Membership/Elections: Julie Kowalk reported:

- She presented a sample welcome letter
- Team descriptions will continue to be on the application but will be on separate sheet and will be included in the welcome packet.
- Discussion began about a new pin design and perhaps a pocket card. Denise to investigate costs.
- Jean ask the Board to consider MGSOC have Honorary Life Memberships. This allows our organization to create the criteria for this distinction and determine who is to be honored. This is different from MMGA Emeritus Status which must meet their criteria. Those in consideration of this honor: Tom Hershberger, Frank and June Rosfeld, Kay Kissel, Dave Thompson and Marv Copley
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Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Schmid absent. No report

Door Prize Coordinator: J. Grissom absent, no report

Hospitality: K. Sobanski reported

- Potluck – more meats are needed. We run out every year, especially if we are feeding the choir.
- More volunteers are needed

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Trips and Tours: S. Parrott reported: Next trip is July 24-26, 2015. It will include Chicago Botanical Gardens, Milwaukee, Burner Botanical Garden and the Domes. Deposit letter will be going out in a few weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

Adjourn: 9:36 pm

Required hours: 2.5 hours

Next Meeting: November 17, 2014; 1200 North Telegraph Road, Building 26E Pontiac, MI 48641

⊗ All reports are available from the Secretary. Requests must be made in writing. These minutes will be posted on our website, but without financial information. They may also be edited for content. Website: www.mgsoc.org.