



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2017

Board Members:

Present: S. Bolle, J. Fromm, J. VanDerAue, M. Truza, A. Sheperd

Team Leaders:

Present: B. Brown, K. Sobanski, D. Brown, M. Dolan

Absent: B. Peters, N. Schmid, J. Kowalk, N. Melvin, J. Grissom

Quorum: Yes

Others Present: S. Trout, S. Schafer

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by S. Bolle

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Sally Bolle reported:

- The MSUE Recognition Dinner will be held Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at the Concord Inn. This year they will be honoring all of the past Master Gardeners of the year.
- The survey for Roots & Shoots is to include a brief questionnaire regarding the financial statement reporting to the general membership and any ideas for improving the society.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **B. Brown made a motion to approve the February 06, 2017 board meeting minutes. M. Truza seconded this motion and all agreed.**

TREASURER: A. Sheperd reported:

- The MGSOC bank balance, deposits and expenses.
- There was a discussion of financial reporting to the general membership. S. Trout and S. Bolle suggested an annual pdf file of the MGSOC annual financials in the form of a simple pie chart accessed from the web site. D. Brown suggested surveying the general membership. S. Bolle will include this in her survey for Roots & Shoots which will be stapled to the MGSOC April general meeting agenda.



1ST VICE PRESIDENT: J. VanDerAue reported:

- Working on gathering information for the upcoming budget reporting meeting.
- Working on gathering information on all our nonprofit required State and Federal reporting and required insurance.
- Planning on waiting until June to send out “3 Important Topics” survey.
- Discussion of the budget emails from S. Trout to the MGSOC board members.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Nora Melvin absent with no report

ADVISOR/PAST PRESIDENT: Margy Truza reported:

- Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Project update:
- Recruited 28 Master Gardeners to date. Worked on the church grounds with Nick, a new Master Gardener, for three hours.
- English Gardens has offered a free soil PH test.
- Working to integrate Bowers farm volunteers.
- Inviting the community to participate in the project.
- Discussion of where this project should be shown on the budget.

TEAM REPORTS:

BOWERS FARM:

Sally Bolle/Beth Brown reported:

- S. Bolle noted the check for community projects is to be included in the Bowers Farm 2017 annual budget which includes unspent budget funds from 2016.
- Orientation meeting Monday April 03, 2017.
- Hopefully starting work on April 12, 2017.
- So far there are 70 volunteers on the list.

MEMBERSHIP:

Sally Bolle reported for Julie Kowalk:

- 170 members to date.

2017 MG CONFERENCE:

Margy Truza reported:

- 300 people are registered for the conference. There is a 350 person cap for this event.
- Noted how wonderful the Conference Committee has been.
- Encouraged everyone to recruit a backup volunteer for their position.



PROGRAMS:

Betty Peters reported:

- Absent with no report

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Nancy Schmid reported:

- Absent with no report

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown reported:

- Working toward a tour of Elmwood Cemetery with the Greening of Detroit for the next Day trip at the end of September. Planning ticket sales for July.
- Greeters are working out well. \$35.00 collected in February and \$55.00 in March.
- Merchandise cannot be sold at the MG classes. Hoping to make up sales through the online store. Planning on using a flat rate shipping fee to start the online store.
- Discussed donating take away gifts for the Oakland County Recognition Banquet.
- M. Truza to email D. Brown a Photo release form.

TRIPS & TOURS:

Margaret Dolan reported:

- The trip is all planned and everyone has paid in full.
- S. Bolle will send M. Dolan the contact information for parking at the county.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom absent S. Bolle reported:

- Everything is under control.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- \$107.00 was collected at last month's general meeting.
- K. Sobanski will not be at the September meeting and needs help.
- May MGSOC general meeting will be at Telly's. No money will be collected at this meeting and planning on cold snacks and water.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Dr. Sharon Schafer reported:

- Discussed the possible scholarships/grants potentials for OCC and Oakland University.
- **D. Brown made a motion to donate to sponsor a keynote speaker for the 2017 MG College. S. Schafer Seconded and all agreed.** S. Bolle will look into advertising opportunities for the MGSOC by the MG College.

OLD BUSINESS:



- Received a thank you note from Rainbow Connection for the MGSOC contribution in Memory of Russell Melvin.
- Received a thank you note from Tollgate for the MGSOC contribution to the engraving machine.
- S. Bolle completed a ten year contract between MGSOC, Bowers Farm and Tollgate Farm for use of the engraving machine.
- Discussion of the future of Roots and Shoots.
- Discussion of reporting MG volunteer and education hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **J. Fromm made a motion for S. Bolle to research hiring an attorney, specializing in nonprofit organizations, to assist the MGSOC in legal matters. M. Truza seconded and all agreed.**

Motion: Adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Required hours: 2.5

Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2017 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 North Adams Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

- 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.