



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2018

Executive Board Officers:

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

Absent:

Committee Chairs:

Present: B. Brown, J. Kowalk, B. Peters, K. Sobanski, N. Schmid, D. Brown

Absent: J. Grissom, M. Dolan

Quorum: Yes

Others Present:

J. Humphrey

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: John VanDerAue reported:

- J. VanDerAue is working on the MSU Extension hot line. John will clarify if there are any charges for the hot line services.
- John gave an update of Lori's new responsibilities.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **S. Bolle made a motion to approve the MGSOC board meeting minutes from March 19, 2018. D. Brown seconded this motion and all agreed.**

FINANCE: Angela Sheperd reported:

- The MGSOC bank balance.
- The Belle Isle donation is being completed.
- All insurance payments are up to date.
- J. VanDerAue committed to follow up with S. Trout regarding the Fed 990 form.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Sally Bolle reported:



- S. Bolle discussed the initial plans for the MGSOC membership social mixer. An eblast will be sent out to all Oakland Master Gardeners with the mixer details.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Denise Bigelow reported:

- Nothing to report

ADVISOR/PAST PRESIDENT: Margy Truza reported:

- Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2018 MG CONFERENCE:

Margy Truza reported:

- J. Kowalk is still finalizing the conference financials.
- M. Truza is planning on leading the conference for 2019.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown reported:

- The day trip is scheduled for September 22, 2018. The team is working on picking a location for the day trip and is hoping to have tickets on sale by July.
- Denise has set the merchandise shipping costs.
- A fairy garden raffle is planned.
- The team agreed to add a sales tax to all merchandise sold and not to increase merchandise pricing.
- D. Brown is still waiting for a confirmation from MSU on licensing fees.
- Inventory was discussed.
- J. VanDerAue will follow up the inventory insurance rider on our insurance policy.
- D. Brown will get key copies made for the storage unit.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- K. Sobanski still needs help with the August meeting.
- July meeting is the pot luck menu.
- The snacks at Telly's worked out well.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom absent:

- Nothing to report

EDUCATION:

Betty Peters reported:

- B. Peters reported that she has all the speakers booked for this year and two for 2019.
- B. Peters is looking for new team members to help with fresh ideas and speaker recruits.
- The board revisited the idea of having MGSOC board members responsible for speaker recruits.
- Piechik's is hosting the MGSOC May meeting was discussed.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Kowalk reported:

- J. Kowalk has not been able to confirm a few memberships and is holding off on the MGSOC membership directory. A membership list will be provided at the next meeting with an announcement for members to check for their names.
- Julie needs any membership applications from the May meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Nancy Schmid reported:

- Only one card sent recently.

BOWERS FARM:

S. Bolle & B. Brown reported:

- The farm is buying all the mulch.
- They have been teaching a Wednesday class, for special needs high school students, on how to plant a vegetable garden.
- They have been working on a new ornamental grass bed.

BSLC RENOVATIONS:

Margy Truza reported:

- Only 3 people attended the first meeting.
- The phragmites is being treated.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

M. Truza reported:

- S. Bolle will follow up with our attorney regarding the IRS guidelines on donations to individuals.

TRIPS & TOURS:

Margaret Dolan absent J. VanDerAue reported:

- Everything is on track for the bus trip.



OLD BUSINESS:

- J. VanDerAue asked for an update on the memorial recognitions.
- S. Bolle will get S. Trout all the photos and information for the web blog for Roots and Shoots. We still need someone to do our Facebook.
- J. VanDerAue discussed authorization process for checks from the treasurer.
- March 1 is the date of MGSOC membership authorization.
- We need to make a list of all documents that need to be stored by J. Fromm.
- J. VanDerAue confirmed bylaws to be shown with no hyphen. A cover letter and a copy of the revised bylaws are to be mailed to each MGSOC member at least one general meeting prior to the scheduled voting meeting. S. Bolle is allowing MGSOC to use her return address for the mailing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business.

Motion: Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Required hours: 2.50

Next Meeting: August 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. 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.