

Board Meeting

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, Inc.

May 20, 2013

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Attendance: M. Truza, J. Gramlich, R. Vrbensky, Sally Bolle, C. Lenchek

Team Leaders: Janie Grissom, Marianne Cotter, Betty Peters, Denise Brown, Nancy Schmid, C. Carroll, C. Covell, DeeAnn Bauer, Dick Wanat,

Peggy Wanat, Lavon Cook

Excused: S. Parrott, C Seitz, Kathy Sobanski

Quorum present

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT: see old/new business

VICE-PRESIDENT: no report

SECRETARY: R. Vrbensky presented minutes from the March 18, 2013 meeting. Minutes approved as presented. Vrbensky/Bolle

TREASURER: J. Gramlich presented Treasurer's Report dated March 19-May 20, 2013.

Treasurer report approved as submitted. Vrbensky/Bolle

MG COORDINATOR: C. Lenchek reported . Congratulations to Margy Truza-Master Gardener of the Year. If not recertified by April 30, 2013, one cannot recertify for 2013. Master Gardener Emeritus status has been granted to: David Thompson and Marvin Copley. A decision now must be made whether MGE's must pay dues?

MOTION: Gramlich moved to allow those granted Master Gardener Emeritus status to be dues free members of the Society for life. Vrbensky seconded- Approved

TEAM REPORTS

Bower's Farm: M. Cotter reported: No tomato plants were donated this year so she will be purchasing tomato starts, more volunteers are needed.

Communications: D. & P. Wanat: reported: Dick is putting the next issue of the newsletter together and needs more articles. He is asking that the Flickr site be utilized for photos. Please contact Dick for posting information. Facebook is not being utilized very much.

Education:

Conference: C. Covell reported: conference wrap up meeting is in a week and she won't have final numbers until then. A final report will be sent to the Board once complete. Christine is considering resigning as team leader due to conflicts with school and work. She said she will decide in a few weeks. (Resignation letter was received via email June 12, 2013)

Programs: Betty Peters: 2014 is beginning to be scheduled. The Church is still available for our use with Tom Hershberger acting as Facilities Manager. She will contact the church secretary to confirm dates.

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Schmid : one card was sent

Door Prize Coordinator: J. Grissom reported: provided a trellis as a raffle item for the Recognition Banquet Hospitality: K. Sobanski –absent:

Greeter: C. Carroll provided attendance reports:
April- 101 total, May-68 total

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Membership: L. Cook: directory has been published and in process of being delivered.

Project Support: D. Brown

- New Merchandise was introduced at conference
- Sales at Huron county conference were not as successful as last year.
- Cookbooks are still available
- Seeking vendor opportunities
- Reminder that July potluck items are to be from recipes in cookbook
- There were extra aprons left over from conference and those were given to Kathy Sobanski for use by Hospitality team
- Autographed books from conference speakers are still available
- Items are being accepted for the silent auction
- A day trip for Sept 7 is in the planning stages-no destination yet, but asking for \$100 deposit for bus.

Trips and Tours: S. Parrott was absent but submitted report: She is waiting for Insurance policy

OLD BUSINESS:

- By-laws: the bylaws were sent to all board members prior to meeting. Board members raised question: Under qualifications- what is a "Natural" person? Must clarify. Term limits were discussed but no decision was made. Same for Quorum. It was suggested to combine paragraphs 14.01 and 14.02 under Indemnification. Treasurer: Make more clear statement addressing budgeted vs. unbudgeted items and check writing. Discussion occurred on how to allow team leaders voting opportunities. Truza to provide verbiage on this. Vrbensky to re-examine these topics and clarify verbiage where necessary/suggested. A special Board Meeting will take place on June 10, 2012 at 7pm at this location to approve and adopt the new by-laws.

Motion: Adjourn at 9:45pm Gramlich/Vrbensky

Required hours: 2.75

Next Meeting, August 19, 2013; Bldg, 26E, 1st floor conference room at 7:00 pm.

⊗ 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.