

Board Meeting

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, Inc.

August 18, 2014

Call to Order: 7:15 pm Off-site at M. Truza residence

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

Team Leaders: C. Carroll, Kathy Sobanski, Janie Grissom, DeeAnn Bauer

Absent with Notice: S. Parrott, Nancy Schmid,

Absent without notice: Lavon Cook,

Quorum present

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

SECRETARY: R. Vrbensky presented minutes from the May 19, 2014 meeting. **MOTION:**

Minutes approved as submitted. Vrbensky/Bolle

PRESIDENT: Dinner!! YUMMY

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT/Marketing: Bolle reported

- Various logos were presented for comparison. Some challenges to consider are the logo must be used in a number of different ways: cloth, print and digitally to name a few. Discussion determined to add "Affiliated with Michigan State University Extension" statement to logo. Sally will create some samples based on discussion of fonts and leaf types.
- Goal: Create more professional looking literature and public image SECOND VICE-PRESEIDENT: Dolan reported
- No report
- TREASURER: presented in absentia: Treasurer's Report dated May 19, 2014-August 2014.

Beginning Balance	\$62,041.30
Income	\$6,876.46
Expenses	\$28,541.85
Ending Balance	\$40,375.91

- Reports were presented but have not been reconciled
- All signature cards have been signed. She is still working on updating Quickbooks. She should have this completed by September.
- All budget projections are due before November Board meeting.
- Treasurer's Report was tabled until correctly reconciled. Report to follow.
- Gift for outgoing Treasurer:
- **MOTION: Vrbensky moved to allocate \$100 for the purchase of a gift certificate or donation in her name to North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy. Bolle/ APPROVED**

MG COORDINATOR: C. Lenchek reported

- No distance learning this class session in Oakland only Jackson
- Fall 2015 Class: Daytime at Tollgate Farms and will be LIVE

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- Winter 2015 class begins January 22, a Thursday 6pm-10pm in the Executive Conference Building 6080 students.

TEAM REPORTS

Bower's Farm: _____ reported

- Gardens are doing very well since adding Tuesday volunteering to Saturdays. Typically 8-9 volunteers are in the gardens each of the days.
- Gazebo garden is currently being tended to. The Farm manager very pleased. ☐ Volunteers are also tending the gardens at Barton House ☐ Mike's Tree Service donated 15 yards of mulch.

Communications: no report

Development (Project Support): D. Brown reported

- Conference
 - April 25, 2015 is the date for next conference at Oakland Schools
 - April 24 is reserved for set up
 - 2014 Conference: still needing to reconcile with Treasurer to determine profit.
 - Speakers for 2015 being considered: Will Allen-Urban Gardener in Wisconsin-\$6500 plus expenses. Matthew Benson from NY-\$750 plus expenses; Carrie Ann Menendez from Maine\$500 plus expenses. Estimated total for speakers: \$11,800. ('14 budget was \$9000-actual \$7200)
 - Many decisions will be made at an upcoming conference meeting.
- Project Support
 - Silent Auction items are coming in
 - Merchandise: many venues for sales have been scheduled
 - Cookbook: Nancy Schmid is investigating avenues/venues to sell the books. 384 are left.
 - Day trip was cancelled
 - Pins-tabled due to update of logo

Education/Programs: Betty Peters

- July and August speakers donated their fees back to the Society.
- Second Tuesday's of every month have been reserved with the church for general meetings.

Membership/Elections: L. Cook absent. No report

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Schmid absent. No report

Door Prize Coordinator: J. Grissom reported

Adding a distinctive raffle prize to spice things up.

Hospitality: K. Sobanski reported

- Requested reimbursement forms from Treasurer
- Mini Meals: June and July \$0 (no info) and August \$6.00
- Purchasing a Power strip for crock pots
- Concerned about waste in coffee

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Greeter: C. Carroll reported:

- No report

Trips and Tours: S. Parrott absent. No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- none NEW BUSINESS:
- none.

Adjourn: 9:21pm

Required hours: 2.5 hours

Next Meeting: October 20, 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.