

Board Meeting
Master Gardener Society of Oakland County
November 17, 2014

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Attendance: M. Truza, B. Peters, R. Vrbensky, C. Lenchek, Margaret Dolan, Sally Bolle, Kathy Sobanski, Janie Grissom, Julie Kowalk, Denise Brown, Carole Carroll, Nancy Schmidt, Sandie Parrott, Lucia Propst

Absent: C. Castle

Quorum

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT: M. Truza

- She attended a training session with Carol Lenchek the previous week and learned how to create valuable and efficient meetings

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Salle Bolle

- Bower's Farm has a very successful season with a total of 978 hours of volunteering along with 340 pounds of veggies donated to Open Door Outreach.
- Wanted to note that all mulch and woodchips were donated
- Work days will be Wednesday and Saturday.
- Sally submitted her nominee for the *Martha Humphrey Award – Robert Denver*

SECRETARY: R. Vrbensky presented minutes from October 20, 2014 meeting. Corrections were noted. Minutes approved as corrected.

TREASURER: C. Castle was absent-no report presented

Beg. Bal . \$15,395.86
Income
Expenses:
End Bal:

MG COORDINATOR: C. Lenchek reported .

- May 14, 2015 will be the Volunteer Recognition Banquet for 2014 volunteer year. It will be held at White Lake Oaks

TEAM REPORTS

Project Support:

Conference: D. Brown reported

Conference meetings are held monthly

- Hotels have been booked
- Musicians have been booked
- 380 gift bags have been donated
- Patches will have full color and include an iron on backing to cover the embroidery on the aprons.

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy S. reported: Many, many cards were sent out this past month.

Door Prize Coordinator: J. Grissom presented

- Gathering receipts for 2014 expenditures
- Lining up donations for MG events and programs for 2015

Hospitality: Kathy S.

Potluck sign up was circulated

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- Coffee and Tea are provided; have plenty of volunteers, she will begin arriving around 4:30pm to set up; centerpieces are being assembled; We are asking for \$5.00 donation if you do not bring a dish to pass; tables will be available for Gleaners and Gifts ; volunteers are secured to take donations to Gleaners and Haven

Greeter: Carole C presented. The new sign in system has improved the process greatly.

- October: 17 guests, 89 members attended
- November: 10 guests and 91 members attended

Membership: Julie K. presented. Julie reviewed the application, welcome letter, volunteer guidelines and the improvements/revisions she is making to them. Carol agreed to assist in editing the volunteer requirements. Thus far 22 renewal memberships have been received with 14 new memberships from the November general meeting.

Communications: D. & P. Wanat absent: Margy is still seeking a replacement. Advertisements will be directed to the membership. Sally volunteered to speak with Sheri Trout regarding the services she can provide to us and at what cost.

Programs: Betty Peters: 2015 programs have been scheduled.

Project Support: D. Brown

- Merchandise: Sales are going well. Over \$2400 sold since last report
- Silent Auction: 85 items thus far
- Member Pins: Reviewed suggestions. Most liked the white background (7) but 4 liked the gold background.

MOITON: Ruth V. moved to order 500 pins with a white background. Julie K. 2nd. Approved

Trips and Tours: Sandie P. presented.

- She is ready for the hotel deposits.
- The trip sold out in 7 days. She is taking names for the waiting list.
- Sandie announced 2015 will be her last organized trip due to retirement. She is looking for a successor.

VMS Ambassador: Lucia Propst in absentia. Instructions were sent out to membership on how to input volunteer hours. She helped 1 member in October and 1 in November. A notice will be put in the newsletter of her availability.

OLD BUSINESS: Reviewed the 2015 calendar. Denise to send Ruth the Project Support meeting dates. Carol will confirm room availability.

NEW BUSINESS: Margy T. presented a meeting scorecard and asked attendees to score the meeting.

Motion: Adjourn at 8:30 pm

Required hours : 1.5 hours

Next Meeting: January 28, 2013 Bldg, 26, 1st floor conference room.

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December update: 2014 Post Potluck and Silent Auction Wrap up

Attendees: 99

Donations to Gleaners: 228 pounds!!

Silent Auction proceeds: \$3,355.00

Total items for silent auction: 105

This is the 4th year of the silent auction. Following is the per year totals

2011-year 1	40 items	\$1,371.00
2012	69 items	\$2,244.00
2013	69 items	\$2,629.00
2014	105 items	\$3,355.00

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