

Board Meeting-HIGHLIGHTS

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, Inc.

January 27, 2014

Call to Order: 7:08 pm

Attendance: R. Vrbensky, S. Bolle, M. Dolan, D. Brown, L. Cook, C. Lenchek

Team Leaders: C. Carroll, Nancy Schmid, Dick Wanat

Excused: S. Parrott, Janie Grissom, B. Peters, M. Truza, J. Gramlich, Kathy Sobanski,

Quorum present

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Sally in for Margy Truza who is absent

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Bolle is writing promotional articles and will be contacting local newspapers and publications shortly

SECOND VICE-PRESEIDENT: Dolan reported the search is on for a leader for the Bower's Farm team. Sally Bolle has volunteered to lead Tuesday work days.

SECRETARY: R. Vrbensky presented minutes from the November 18, 2013 meeting.

Minutes approved as amended. Brown/Dolan

TREASURER: presented in absentia: Treasurer's Report dated Nov 20, 2013-January 27, 2014.

MG COORDINATOR: C. Lenchek reported

- winter class is starting and will be utilizing "Distance Learning" and is being held at Tollgate.
- Emeritus status: only 2 of our members have official Emeritus status: David Thompson and Marvin Copely. Carol is working on the paperwork for a few others. Will Emeritus status allows to individual to remain a Master Gardener without the hours or dues requirement, they must still update the VMS system every year. Perhaps this is a task MGSOC, Inc can do under membership?
- Recognition Banquet is May 15' 2014.

TEAM REPORTS

Bower's Farm: no report

Communications: D. & P. Wanat: reported

- Lots of articles for previous issue were received but lacking for this current issue
- Dick requested to print the newsletter as single sheet instead of 11x17-thus saving the need to exact pages.
- Denise and Margy met with Sheri Trout to discuss the process to add credit acceptance thru website. Discussed benefit of an Information Technology team in charge of all media outlets for the Society.

Development (Project Support): D. Brown reported

- Conference
 - Speakers are set
 - Food committee has met with conference center
 - Vendors are secured-20 max
 - Ticket sales are at 65 so far
 - 2 hotels with room blocks are reserved as well as speaker accommodations
- Project Support
 - Silent Auction: successful
 - Photos will be forwarded to Dick for website/Facebook

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- Merchandise sales are ongoing
- Another daytrip is in the works
- Fundraiser ideas being considered: Holiday greens with Wojo's and a flower bulb and plant sale.

Education:

Programs: Betty Peters In absentia

- Betty is working with Dick to put speaker handouts on the website
- May be requesting to purchase a new projector. Old one has gone missing and the one at the church is not reliably working. Betty will research and provide recommendations

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Schmid sending cards

Door Prize Coordinator: J. Grissom absent

Hospitality: K. Sobanski absent

Greeter: C. Carroll reported:

- January 12 guests 82 total attendees

Membership/Elections: L. Cook reported she is making changes to Directory to include 'Inc' in name. Once she receives list from Jean her goal is to have Directory out by end of February.

Trips and Tours: S. Parrott absent.

- Final invoices going out in February

OLD BUSINESS:

- Job Descriptions, Goal Setting to be tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

Adjourn: 8:45pm **Vrbensky/Cook**

Required hours: 2.5 hours

Next Meeting: March 17, 2014; 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.