

Board Meeting

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, Inc.

March 17, 2014

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Attendance: R. Vrbensky, M. Truza, S. Bolle, J. Gramlich, D. Brown, M. Dolan, C. Lenchek

Team Leaders: C. Carroll, Nancy Schmid, Crystal Castle, B. Peters,

Absent with Notice: Janie Grissom, S. Parrott

Absent without notice: Dick Wanat, Peggy Wanat, Levon Cook, Kathy Sobanski

Quorum present

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT:

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Bolle reported

- She is distributing more brochures out on garden conference;
- Articles sent to newspapers are not being published because the editors do not consider it gardening season.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT: Dolan reported

- There are a number of folks interested in working Tuesdays at Bower's Farm.
- Crystal will help on some Saturdays;
- Orientation is Tues March 18. Margaret, Sally and Margy will lead.

SECRETARY: R. Vrbensky presented minutes from the January 27, 2013 meeting.

MOTION: Minutes approved. Vrbensky/Bolle

TREASURER: presented in absentia: Treasurer's Report dated January 27, 2014- March 17, 2014.

- A meeting with Sheri Trout to set up Quickbooks is scheduled for next few days.
- **MOTION: Treasurer's Report dated January 27, 2014- March 17, 2014. Approved. Vrbensky/Brown**

MG COORDINATOR: C. Lenchek reported

- Trainees will no longer be able to earn volunteer hours until they are certified.
- All certification questions need to be addressed by Carol or Cathy.
- Recognition Banquet is May 15, 2014

TEAM REPORTS

Bower's Farm: Still in need of a team leader but Crystal Castle will act as leader temporarily.

- A clipboard will be used with notes detailing work needing to be completed. This will be used for sign in and capturing a statement of work completed.
- Garden adoption will be attempted.
- Orientation will begin at 6pm to accommodate those coming from work.

Communications: Crystal Castle is the new team leader. Due to his involvement with other things, Dick has asked for a replacement putting Roots -n-Shoots together.

Development (Project Support): D. Brown reported

- Conference
 - Next conference meeting is March 25, '14
 - Eric Hofley is donating 300 *Michigan Gardener* magazines
- Project Support

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- Merchandise sales are sluggish at venues having attended
- Seeking new opportunities to sell cookbooks
- More day trips are in the planning stages

Education/Programs: Betty Peters

- Met with Media Specialist at Church. The projector has been repaired and is now working properly
- Speaker's handouts being available on the website is working out very well.

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Schmid sent 3 cards

Hospitality: K. Sobanski in absentia

- Requested to purchase an extension cord
 - Concerns have been received from folks who bring food and still needing to pay to eat food
- MOTION: J. Gramlich moved to allow those people who bring food to general meetings to not have to pay and still receive 1 hour of volunteer time. No second. Motion dies on the floor.
- MOTION: D. Brown moved the people who bring food to meetings must still pay for the meal because it is a fundraiser. Those bringing food can still receive 1 hour of volunteer service. Urbensky seconded. Approved**

Greeter: C. Carroll reported:

- She is now using 3 separate sign-in sheets and it is expediting the process
- February: 70 meals, 2 guests
- March: 78 meals, 18 guests.

Membership/Elections: absent

Trips and Tours: S. Parrott absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Goal Setting: Please look at 1 area to mentor people or to reach out more

NEW BUSINESS:

- Information Technology Team is developing with Crystal Castle taking the lead.

Adjourn: 8:35pm

Required hours: 1.5 hours

Next Meeting: May 19, 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.