



Board Meeting -- August 17, 2015

Attendees: M. Truza, C. Lenchek, B. Brown, S. Bolle, J. Grissom, N. Schmid, L. Propst, S. Trout, C. Carroll, K. Sobanski, L. Boehmer

Excused: J. Gramlich, M. Dolan, J. Kowalk, S. Parrott, R. Wanat, P. Wanat, B. Peters
Quorum

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT: M. Truza

She moved that we suspend voting of just the executive board and to include the entire board. S. Bolle seconded; motion carried.

SECRETARY: B. Brown

Minutes from May 18, 2015 were presented by B. Brown. S. Bolle moved, C. Carroll seconded to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER: S. Trout and J. Gramlich, excused

Sheri has a meeting set up with the accountant to work on form 990.

PROJECT SUPPORT: M. Truza

The committee has been disbanded. The merchandise needs to be secured in a safe place. L. Boehmer will look for a reasonably priced storage unit. There is an inventory stored with the merchandise. Perhaps other counties would be interested in purchasing merchandise.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: S. Bolle

She had a marketing banner made, 8 feet long, to create awareness. Also new signs for tables at the meetings.

A large group of trainees are helping on Wednesdays at Bowers. 98 pounds of produce have been delivered to Open Door Pantry in White Lake. A luncheon for the volunteers will be held in September.

MEMBERSHIP: J. Kowalk excused with report

There are 207 members. She will insert notice about the election in the Oakland Gardener.

PROGRAMS: B. Peters excused with report

The church has been booked for 2016 for the second Tuesday of the month. The May meeting will be at Telly's on May 3 when plant material will be available for purchase.

CONFERENCE: L. Boehmer

Lynn shared a spreadsheet with individuals involved on the conference committee. The committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Beautiful Savior Church at 6 pm. Sheri Trout volunteered to help Nancy Strodl with on-line registration using a credit card.

COMMUNICATIONS: D. and P. Wanat excused.
Sheri will post the minutes from the 2015 board meetings to the website.

VMS AMBASSADOR: L. Propst
People seem to be keeping up with their hours. There is now a link on the website to direct people to the proper site to record their hours. A comprehensive list of master gardeners needs to be developed to send out electronic messages.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT: Margaret Dolan excused
Corresponding Secretary: N. Schmid
She sent 4 cards.
There are 265 cookbooks left.
The used books were donated to AAUW. There are empty plastic containers available.
There is also a dolly available.

Trips and Tours: S. Parrott excused with report
It was a good trip--hot with no rain. Stops included a winery, the Chicago Botanical Garden, Growing Power with Will Allen, Will Radler with his knockout roses, Boerner Botanical Garden, a basilica, a private garden, and a nursery. A committee will be meeting soon to develop plans for 2016 with Sandie as an advisor.

Door Prize Coordinator: J. Grissom
Nothing to report.

Hospitality: K. Sobanski
Potluck in August. Soup in September. She is in need of an assistant when she can't be at a meeting. She is also in need of a dolly to move her supplies. The silent auction in December has not been completely eliminated.

Hospitality Greeter: C. Carroll
There were 9 guests in July and 8 in August. Roots and Shoots available at table for those who don't have computers.

OLD BUSINESS:
Mission statement was tabled. Sally will move forward on the receipt for donations. Margy and Carol would appreciate any ideas that they can take to the Master Gardener Strategic Planning Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a request for the Master Gardeners to have a display at the OCC Welcome Week Fair, September 15, 16, 17. If interested, let Margy know by August 25.

Positions open for the October election include President, Secretary, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer. A suggestion was made for a person to shadow a person in a leadership role. We also need to develop a resource pool of interested people.

MG COORDINATOR: C. Lenchek
Fall class begins August 22 at Tollgate, 9-1 pm, with 50 trainees.

Motion: Adjourn at 9:30 pm
Required hours: 2.5 hours
Next meeting: October 19, 2015, Building 26, 1st floor conference room.

*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 be edited for content. Website: www.mgsoc.org

Beth Brown
Secretary