



BOARD MEETING -- October 19, 2015

Attendees: S. Bolle, J. Gramlich, L. Boehmer, D. Brown, N. Schmid, K. Sobanski, J. Grissom, J. Kowalk, B. Brown, C. Anderson, J. Fromm
Excused: M. Truza, B. Peters, S. Parrott, M. Dolan, S. Trout, P. Wanat, R. Wanat

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT: M. Truza, excused; S. Bolle, acting president

SECRETARY: B. Brown

Minutes from August 17, 2015 were presented. J. Gramlich moved, B. Brown seconded, to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER: J. Gramlich and S. Trout, excused

There were several issues with Trips and Tours and Project Support. Sandie's concerns have been resolved. Jean will meet with Sheri and Denise to investigate Denise's concerns. Julie Kowalk asked if the current reports met the needs of the various committee chairpersons. Quick Books should be adaptable to our needs.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: S. Bolle

Sally reported that the marketing banner that she had made could be used at all meetings. The get-involved posters are out at each society meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: J. Kowalk

There are 223 members. Three individuals volunteered to run for positions: C. Anderson, president; J. Fromm, secretary; and A. Shepard, Treasurer.

PROGRAMS: B. Peters, excused

We are still in need of four speakers for 2016. If any ideas, contact Betty.

PROJECT SUPPORT: D. Brown

*Denise reported that she has dates to sell the MG merchandise throughout Michigan. *She reported that a storage unit was rented in Oxford. 1 Jean has the contract and a key to the unit as well as one for herself.

*A method to denote donated merchandise at conferences needs to be devised to show in inventory. Tabled.

*Kroger Rewards program was tabled.

2016 CONFERENCE: L. Boehmer

All the speakers have been secured. The brochure is being work on. Save-the-date cards will be sent to attendees from last year. Things seem to be moving along in a timely fashion.

COMMUNICATIONS/IT: S. Bolle and S. Trout, excused
Sally and Sheri are working at updating the website.

MVS AMBASSADOR: Open position

Items for Roots and Shoots should be sent to D. Wanat. Items for the calendar should be sent to P. Wanat.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT: M. Dolan, excused

Corresponding Secretary: N. Schmid

Cards have been sent for sympathy, get well, and thinking of you.

Trips and Tours: S. Parrott/M. Dolan, excused

Lynn reported that the trip will be to the Cleveland area the first weekend in August in 2016.

Door Prize Coordinator: J. Grissom

Janie is working at organizing her receipts.

Hospitality: K. Sobanski

Kathy is getting the dolly and containers that Nancy used for books. Mini meals earned \$168.53 in September and \$125 in October. Kathy needs soups for November.

Hospitality Greeters: C. Carroll/S. Teague, excused

In September there were 15 guests and 94 members. In October 6 guests and 65 members.

MG COORDINATOR: C. Lenchek

There are 50 people in the fall class at Tollgate. Project Support will sell merchandise to the class. Carol is asking the Society to present its powerpoint at the last class. The winter class starts January 21 at the Executive Office Building, 5:30-9:30.

OLD BUSINESS:

*B. Brown moved, J. Gramlich seconded, to approve rental of the storage unit for a minimum of 6 months. Motion carried.

*Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, Inc. is to enrich the lives of those who love gardening. We are volunteers who fulfill our commitment to community outreach by providing hands-on gardening and research-based horticultural education.

Members of the Society are Master Gardeners certified by Michigan State University.

After discussion, J. Gramlich moved, B. Brown seconded, to approve the mission statement.

*The Board Elections ballot was tabled since it is incomplete.

NEW BUSINESS:

*The necessary documents were submitted on September 29, 2015 by Craig May CPA for the 501c3 2013 and 2014 990 EZ documents.

*Email Jean with your numbers for the 2016 budget.

*B. Brown moved, J. Gramlich seconded, to pay the maintenance person at the Beautiful Lutheran Church an extra amount for December. After discussion, motion carried.

Motion: Adjourn at 9:04

Required hours: 2 hours

Next meeting: November 17, 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