



Board Meeting Minutes: September 19, 2016

Board Members:

Present: C. Anderson, S. Bolle, J. Fromm, A. Sheperd

Team Leaders:

Present: B. Brown, M. Truza, N. Schmid, K. Sobanski, D. Brown

Absent: J. Grissom, M. Dolan, J. Kowalk, B. Peters

Quorum: yes

Others Present: C. Lenchek

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by C. Anderson

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Corinne Anderson reported:

- The MGSOC 2015 tax return.
- M. Truza suggested presenting a brief overview of the MGSOC at the general meetings to inform the membership of how the society is run and what it does. This may result in Recruits for officers and increased membership involvement.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **The minutes from the August 15, 2016 board meeting with amendments. S. Bolle made a motion to approve and B. Brown seconded.**

TREASURER: Angela Sheperd reported:

- No report

VICE-PRESIDENT: Sally Bolle reported:

- No report



TEAM REPORTS:

BOWERS FARM:

Sally Bolle/Beth Brown reported:

- Bowers Farm is going well.
- Planning a volunteer luncheon.
- Working with Tollgate on plant signage.
- Working on a Monarch way station.

MEMBERSHIP:

Julie Kowalk absent with no report

2017 MG CONFERENCE:

Margy Truza reported:

- Update on the food vendor.
- The following 4 speakers are lined up:
 1. Paul Zammit
 2. Kelly Norris
 3. Jessica Walliser
 4. Shawna Coronado
- 5th year of conference and planning is getting more efficient.
- First organizational meeting tomorrow 9/20/16.

COMMUNICATIONS/IT:

Corinne Anderson to report in old business

PROGRAMS:

Corinne Anderson reported for Betty

Peters:

- Working with DeeAnn Bauer on 2017 speakers. Two additional speakers for 2017 have been contacted but not confirmed yet.
- **D. Brown made a motion to approve the purchase of a portable projector to be used for MGSOC general meeting speaker presentations. S. Bolle seconded this motion and all approved.**
- M. Truza mentioned that Chuck could help Tim with the purchase of a projector.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Nancy Schmid reported:

- General update on members. No new cards sent since last meeting.

DEVELOPMENT/MERCHANDISE: Denise Brown reported:

- Meeting with Hospitality in November regarding Silent Auction.
- M. Truza will contact the church to move the furniture before the 12:00 setup time.
- Daytrip was sold out. Everything went well. Made a profit. Will be getting a cd of photos from the trip.
- 100 cookbooks left.
- Only 18 signed up for Kroger rewards program. D. Brown offered to have her team assist members at the general meetings and provide handouts as a reminder to sign up for the rewards program.
- Merchandise sales report as of 9/18/2016.
- Upcoming events including Macomb County's first conference on 9/42/16 then Genesee County next. Wayne County cancelled with no explanation. Attending Wayne and Oakland County new member classes.
- On line store is on hold for now.
- Will contact Paypal regarding initial use challenges. Discussed difficulties with Sheri Trout regarding Ticket sales reporting.

TRIPS & TOURS: Margaret Dolan absent with no report

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR: Janie Grissom absent with no report

HOSPITALITY Kathy Sobanski reported:

- A survey was sent out in August to see how they were doing and looking for new ideas. No new feedback.



- D. Brown suggested making an announcement at the general meetings that beverages and snacks are free and mini meals cost \$3.00.
- S. Bolle suggested an eblast reminder of mini meal food delivery by 6:00 p.m. and business meeting time of 6:30 p.m.

MG COORDINATOR:

Carol Lenchek reported:

- D. Brown will visit MG class on the 8th to sell merchandise.
- Last MG class at Tollgate is on 11/15/2016. Someone from the society can present sometime between 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Gold badge awards to be presented at Tollgate on 10/12/2016 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Additional awards to be presented at the general membership meeting on 11/08/2016. Guests fees to be waived for persons that RSVP to C. Lenchek.
- Lynn Shull will be back in late November.
- Upcoming classes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- C. Anderson: Noted the financial reports are being worked on by J. Kowalk to determine which reports Sheri Trout should be providing and that all monies are being reported in the correct accounts. D. Brown to be included in the meeting with C. Anderson, J. Kowalk and A. Sheperd. D. Brown stated that S. Trout had previously been informed as to what the society wanted in their reports and that she personally worked with Sheri for months on how the funds should be accounted. S. Bolle asked why J. Kowalk is reviewing our accounts when we pay S. Trout for this duty.

Suggested the society clarify Sheri Trout's duties and fees.

Presented details on IGD Solutions Corporation and S. Bolle questioned many of the fees and suggested a team be formed to schedule at least 3 website company presentations. D. Brown suggested calling on references of SOC website and IGD Solutions to report at the



October board meeting. D. Brown wants to retain setup of the online store. C. Anderson to schedule a presentation with IGD and any interested MGSOC members prior to the October board meeting.

November will be a budget board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- M. Truza Discussed Grants & scholarship options. Suggested we do research on what the society's qualifications are. Suggested student scholarships with an expectation of student follow up. Students could speak at the general meetings so members could learn how MGSOC is supporting youth horticultural education. Could use the Troy Garden Clubs scholarship application as a guide. Mentioned putting our application on the website.

Motion: Adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Required hours: 2.0

Next Meeting: 10/17/16 7:00 p.m. bldg., 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 also be edited for content.
- Website: www.mgsoc.org.