



Board Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2016

Board Members:

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

Team Leaders:

Present: B. Brown, M. Truza, D. Brown, J. Grissom, J. Kowalk, B. Peters, M. Dolan, J. Kowalk

Absent: N. Schmid, K. Sobanski

Quorum: yes

Others Present: C. Lenchek, S. Trout, S. Schafer

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by S. Bolle

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

ACTING PRESIDENT: Sally Bolle reported:

- General meeting is on Election Day. The church is available and the general meeting will go as scheduled.
- Corinne Anderson resigned and she was thanked for her hard work this past year.
- She would continue as president for 2017 with Margy as an advisor if no one volunteers for the presidency position.
- J. Kowalk confirmed :
 1. Julie Fromm will be MGSOC Secretary for 2017.
 2. Angela Sheperd will finish her term as MGSOC Treasurer for 2017.
 3. Margaret Dolan and John Vanderaue were nominated for the MGSOC President position. M. Dolan declined and J. Kowalk will contact John to see if he is interested in running as President with Sally as Vice President. Beth Brown suggested nominating J. Vanderaue to fill the position of Vice President allowing him to mentor under Sally.
 4. Nora Melvin will be contacted to confirm her interest in the position of 2nd Vice President.
- She has picked up all the MGSOC president files and will go through them with Margy.
- The MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes will be sent to the officers and MGSOC team leaders approximately 10 days after a meeting and resent the Friday before the next board meeting.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:



- **The minutes from the September 19, 2016 board meeting amending. M. Truza made a motion to approve the minutes with the amended meeting location and B. Brown seconded.**

TREASURER: Angela Sheperd reported:

- J. Kowalk presented an example report for A. Sheperd to use to create her financial report. She suggested dating it from board meeting to board meeting.
- D. Brown suggested an annual financial report meeting for the general membership.
- J. Kowalk suggested a brief annual MGSOG, members only, financial meeting prior to a general meeting. All agreed that this would satisfy the general membership.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Sally Bolle reported:

- No report

TEAM REPORTS:

BOWERS FARM:

Sally Bolle/Beth Brown reported:

- B. Brown had 489.7 lbs. of produce donated to the White Lake Open Door Food pantry.
- Meeting with Roy at Tollgate Farm for plant signage for Bowers Farm.

MEMBERSHIP:

Julie Kowalk reported:

- J. Fromm is running for Secretary for 2017. Nora Melvin has an interest in running for a position.
- No new members. Currently 217 members to date.
- A senior member Dr. David Thomson has passed. **Julie Kowalk made a motion for a \$50.00 donation to be made in his honor and Beth Brown seconded.**

2017 MG CONFERENCE:

Margy Truza reported:

- 2016 Conference was a big success.
- Reviewed the upcoming conference speakers.
- Team meeting tomorrow.
- Will be advertising in the Michigan Gardener Magazine again this year.
- 336 attendees at the 2016 conference.
- The band will be donated by the Greater Detroit Jazz society.

PROGRAMS:

Betty Peters reported:



- Working on wrapping everything up by the years end.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Nancy Schmid reported:

- Absent with no report

DEVELOPMENT/MERCHANDISE: Denise Brown reported:

- A. Sheperd to follow up on payment of the storage unit bill.
- S. Bolle to create a Donation receipt book for Development and Trip and Tours.
- She will send an email announcing a planning meeting to be scheduled prior to the November general meeting.
- Welcome team to move under Development/Merchandise and D. Brown to recruit greeters.
- Day Trips to move back under Development/Merchandise.
- Sold 9 more cookbooks.
- Thank you note from Dahlia Hill.
- Upcoming events.

TRIPS & TOURS: Margaret Dolan reported:

- 2017 trip to be scheduled for the 2nd weekend in June.
- Beginning plans for a trip to Louisville, Kentucky to be announced early November.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR: Janie Grissom reported:

- Last general went well. Someone volunteered to help fill in for Corinne. Door prizes were a Halloween theme.
- Planning on a harvest /Thanksgiving theme for the November general meeting door prizes.
- Will be turning in her yearend receipts with help from J. Kowalk.

HOSPITALITY Sally Bolle reported for Kathy Sobanski:

- Reported monies received for meals and guest at the October general meeting.

MG COORDINATOR: Carol Lenchek reported:

- Mary Wilson will be presenting Gold Badge Awards at the November general membership meeting from 6:30 – 7:00p.m.
- They will be providing 2 soups for that night.



- Carol obtaining RSVPs.
- Need to coordinate additional tables for the November meeting.
- The Society will be waiving all fees that night.
- The MGSOC will contribute additional catered salads for this meeting.
- S. Bolle to contact K. Sobanski regarding plans for the November general meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- S. Bolle: Explained that, previously, Sheri Trout has posted updates to the MGSOC website free of charge. **D. Brown made a motion to hire Sheri Trout to design and maintain the MGSOC website for an hourly rate. J Kowalk seconded the motion and all agreed.**

Roots and Shoots to be sent out monthly or quarterly as a color two page newsletter to be designed by S. Bolle. Discussed posting the newsletter to the website

November Board meeting is a budget meeting. J. Kowalk provided an example budget for team leaders to use a worksheet to create their budgets for 2017.

- M. Truza discussed the need of the MGSOC to set up a grant/scholarship program. Volunteered to contact the Troy Garden Club for an example application. Forming a committee to develop this program was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S. Bolle Angela agreed to be a signer on the credit card. Corinne Anderson's credit has been disabled.

Motion: Adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Required hours: 2.50

Next Meeting: 11/21 /16 7:00 p.m. N office bldg., #26 East, 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.