



## **MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2017**

### **Board Members:**

Present: J. Fromm, A. Sheperd, J. VanDerAue, M. Truza, N. Melvin, S. Bolle

Absent:

### **Team Leaders:**

Present: M. Dolan, D. Brown, N. Schmid, B. Brown, J. Grisson, J. Kowalk,

Absent: K. Sobanski, S. Schafer, B. Peters

Quorum: Yes

**Others Present:** S. Trout

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by J. VanDerAue

### **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:** John VanDerAue reported:

- A meeting with Mary Wilson has been set for Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the selling of MGSOC merchandise at the last MG training meetings. Everyone agreed this meeting should highlight all the positive ways the proceeds from these sales could be used for.
  - D. Brown noted her past funds received from sales which partially could be granted back to support the MG Program.
  - M. Truza stated the MGSOC has been a team player with MSU Extension.
  - S. Bolle said Mary had informed her that MSU did not want MGSOC selling merchandise at the last classes because the students had not passed the class yet and therefore not yet MG trainees.
  - J. Kowalk stated we should address this subject with care and emphasize to Mary how this merchandise helps to support the MSU Extension Program in many ways.
  - John asked if anyone would like to join him in the meeting. J. Fromm will check her schedule.



- S. Trout suggested going to an account number system to use for 2018 and agreed to create a chart to use. Sheri will work with J. Kowalk to complete this by the November board meeting.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **B. Brown made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 MGSOC board meeting minutes. M. Truza seconded this motion and all agreed.**

TREASURER: Angela Sheperd reported:

- The MGSOC bank balance.
- J. VanDerAue noted MGSOC inventory assets.
- S. Bolle suggested asking the attorney how to deal with the wording of the Development (fundraising) Committee.
- **D. Brown made a motion to change the Fundraising Committee name back to Development as stated in the MGSOC by laws. J. Kowalk seconded the motion and all agreed.**

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Sally Bolle reported:

- Had nothing to report

2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Nora Melvin:

- Had nothing to report.

ADVISOR/PAST PRESIDENT: Margy Truza reported:

- Had nothing to report

#### **TEAM REPORTS:**

2018 MG CONFERENCE:

Margy Truza reported:

- This years' conference costs will be increased due to food costs increase and potential overtime pay for table/chair setup.
- Raising the price of the tickets to \$80.00 and then \$90.00.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown reported:



- There was good feedback on the fall trip surveys. All Day Trips are planned to be educational and fun nonprofit events.
- Needs the church by 1:00 for the Holiday Pot Luck. D. Brown suggested inviting the choirs' parents to join the dinner.
- Hoping to keep raffles prizes to 100 – 120 this year.
- Upcoming merchandise events.
- Kroger fundraiser program is still going on.

HOSPITALITY: Kathy Sobanski absent with report:

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR: Janie Grissom reported:

- Needs new storage containers.
- S. Bolle and J. Kowalk offered to help Janie to scan her receipts.

PROGRAMS: Betty Peters absent with report:

MEMBERSHIP: Julie Kowalk reported:

- We have one new member since our last meeting and currently have 201 MGSOC members.
- The MGSOC 2018 election is complete with uncontested executive officers being John VanDerAue as President, Sally Bolle as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Angela Sheperd as Treasurer, and Denise Bigelow as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Nancy Schmid reported:

- Someone will need to take over as Corresponding Secretary due to a family emergency.

BOWERS FARM: Sally Bolle reported:

- A sprinkler systems in being installed.
- Signage will be made this fall/winter at Tollgate Farm.
- A register pollinator garden was added.
- 5 new gardens are planned for next year.
- \$130,000 dollars in volunteer hours.

BSLC RENOVATIONS: Margy Truza reported:



- J. VanDerAue noted that BSLC is not showing as a line item on the budget as it should (like Bowers Farm).
- Update on the invasive phragmites near the parking lot.

**GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Dr. Sharon Schafer absent with report:

- J. VanDerAue announced that S. Schafer would not be able to lead the Grants and Scholarships committee.
- J. VanDerAue noted that Denise Bigelow might be interested in getting involved.

**TRIPS & TOURS:**

Margaret Dolan reported:

- Started planning in September for the 2018 trip.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- S. Bolle led a discussion outlining our requirements to print or post monthly educational information as stated in the bylaws. The Future of Roots & Shoots was discussed and potentially switching to a blog. A new website is planned.
- Bylaws need to be updated.
- S. Bolle would like to ask the attorney how much we can legally donate. She still needs feedback from team leaders and executive officers as to what questions to pose the attorney.
- J. VanDerAue asked S. Bolle when she thought a meeting would be set with Josh West who was hired as attorney to MGSOC.
- J. VanDerAue reported on the replacement status for MSU Extension Coordinator.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Motion:** Adjourned at 9:28p.m.

Required hours: 2.5

Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 20, 2017 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 North Adams Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

- 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](http://www.mgsoc.org).