



## MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: March 18, 2019

### Executive Board Officers:

Present: A. Sheperd, J. VanDerAue, D. Bigelow, L. Miehl, J. Fromm

Absent: none

### Committee Chairs:

Present: B. Brown, J. Bird, M. Dolan, B. Peters, D. Brown, K. Sobanski, C. Roney,

Absent: S. Bolle, J. Grissom, M. Truza, A. Koran

### Others Present:

J. Humphrey

Meeting called to order at 7: 00 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: John VanDerAue reported:

- J. VanDerAue discussed the MSUE leadership response to the MGSOC bylaw revision relating to the position of the MSUE coordinator as a MGSOC board member. A meeting is to be scheduled to discuss the expectations of our MGSOC relationship with MSUE.
- J. VanDerAue expressed his concern over the low percentage of new graduating Master Gardeners joining MGSOC.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **B. Brown made a motion to approve the MGSOC board meeting minutes from February 04, 2019 and D. Brown seconded this motion and all agreed.**

FINANCE: Angela Sheperd reported:

- Discussed the general checking account balance, the additional account, and the CD balance.
- Julie Fromm offered to collect the MGSOC mail from the Pontiac MSUE office on a bi-weekly basis. J. VanDerAue will pick up the mail during the time he works on the Hot Line.



- A. Sheperd will email the board members a list of the reward options available from our banking points to help in the decision of how the society can use these gifts.
- Following up on merchandise and conference insurance.

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Laura Miehls reported:

- Nothing new to report.

2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Denise Bigelow reported:

- Nothing new to report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

2019 MG CONFERENCE: Margy Truza absent. Betty Peters reported:

- Everything is on target for the Conference.

FUNDRAISING: Denise Brown reported:

- Wojo's is giving a 10% donation to MGSOC on all sales to society members on 5/23/19 and 06/01/19.
- Updated on recent conference visits.
- D. Brown agreed to follow up with the MGSOC viewing the 5 Seasons film.

HOSPITALITY: Kathy Sobanski reported:

- Suggested putting out a tent card with the mini meal price.
- Will begin the salad menu in June.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR: Janie Grissom absent:

- Reported she was working diligently on the conference.

EDUCATION: Amanda Koran absent:

- B. Peters reported that there is a speaker booked for all the general membership meetings. She is working on replacing the June speaker with the Oudolf Garden speaker.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS: Julie Bird reported:

- The directory price did increase due to a new printing format.



- **J. Bird made a motion to print 25 – 50 new directories if needed. B. Brown seconded this motion and all agreed.**
- There are now 154 members.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Cecily Roney reported:

- Asked Julie Bird to correct the cell phone listed for her in the MGSOC directory.
- D. Brown asked if a card could be sent to Debi Moore.

**BOWERS FARM:** S. Bolle absent/B. Brown reported:

- Orientation will be after the conference.
- Nothing new to report on the children’s garden.

**BSLC RENOVATIONS:** Margy Truza absent:

- Nothing new to report.

**GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:** Laura Miehl reported:

- The grant form has been updated. L. Miehl would like 3 board members to review the form and, once approved, Laura plans to form a 3 person committee to annually review grant applications submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Brown and D. Brown agreed to review the application form.
- J. VanDerAue gave an update on Bemis School. The project has been suspended due to costs.
- D. Brown gave an update on the Oudolf Gardens.

**TRIPS & TOURS:** Margaret Dolan reported:

- Everything is on target for the trip to Madison.
- D. Brown gave an update on the day trip to Meijer Gardens.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- S. Bolle and B. Peters will continue to plan the Piechnik’s mixer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- J. Bird is working on the Nora Wojciechowski fund.



**Motion:** Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Required hours: 2.0

Next Meeting: May 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. 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).