



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2019

Executive Board Officers:

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

Absent: D. Bigelow

Committee Chairs:

Present: B. Brown, B. Peters, A. Koran, D. Brown, K. Sobanski, C. Roney, S. Bolle, J. Grissom, M. Truza

Absent: J. Bird, M. Dolan

Others Present:

J. Humphrey

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: John VanDerAue reported:

- J. VanDerAue stated the current MG class is coming to an end on June 4th at Tollgate. The society has a table in the barn to hand out MGSOC information to the trainees. S. Bolle will put together the give-away bags. J. Fromm asked to be texted if more help is needed. Everyone should be there around 10:30 a.m.
- The next class is scheduled for August 17, 2019 in Pontiac on Saturday.
- J. VanDerAue gave an over view of the MSUE leadership meeting with Lori and Ed Scott.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **B. Brown made a motion to approve the MGSOC board meeting minutes from March 18, 2019 and S. Bolle seconded this motion and all agreed.**

FINANCE: Angela Sheperd reported:

- The MGSOC bank balance. All the credit cards are paid. A. Sheperd compiled a list of all the reward gift cards available. Noted the current reward points.



- A. Sheperd suggested the reward gift cards be distributed as needed and reviewed and approved by the board. These gift cards may only be used to benefit the MGSOC as a whole versus individual committees.
- A. Sheperd has obtained an annual insurance policy for both merchandise liability and the conference. The annual premium is next due on 4/2020.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Laura Miehls reported:

- L. Miehls is sending out the final draft of the grants and donations application for approval. This application will be ready for the next general MGSOC meeting for projects meeting the requirements. All grants and donations must be between \$250.00 and \$1,000.00.
- This application is to be posted on our website.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Denise Bigelow absent:

- Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2019 MG CONFERENCE:

Margy Truza reported:

- M. Truza gave an overview of the 2019 conference
- Two speakers are lined up for the 2020 conference.
- M. Truza is stepping down as the conference leader. B. Peters will be filling this position.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown reported:

- D. Brown gave an update on the upcoming trip.
- Merchandise sales are up from last year with 4 less conference visits.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- Potluck will be in August.
- The salad menu will begin in June.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom reported:

- J. Grissom discussed the storage situation for prize, raffle and conference supplies.



- **S. Bolle made a motion that MGSOC will incur the costs of the storage unit for the Door Prize Coordinator. D. Brown seconded this motion and all agreed.**

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- B. Peters confirmed the June general membership meeting will host the speaker from the Oudolf Garden.
- J. VanDerAue mentioned a possible speaker on invasive plants.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird absent:

- J. VanDerAue reported there are 20 new members.
- **B. Peters made a motion to approve the cost of reprinting 130 updated MGSOC membership directories. S. Bolle seconded this motion and all agreed.**
- A suggestion was made to retine the printing of the directories for next year.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:

- Nothing new to report.

BOWERS FARM:

S. Bolle/B. Brown reported:

- S. Bolle noted the farm orientation turnout was great.
- B. Brown stated they are planting seeds in June.

BSLC RENOVATIONS:

Margy Truza reported:

- M. Truza gave an update on the church garden work.

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 15th.
- B. Brown and D. Brown agreed to review the application form.

TRIPS & TOURS:

Margaret Dolan absent:

- Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- S. Bolle gave an update on the Piechnik's mixer.



- D. Brown gave an update of Oudolf's Five Seasons movie viewing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- J. VanDerAue asked for feedback on how to begin the MGSOC general membership meetings.

Motion: Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Required hours: 2.25

Next Meeting: August 19, 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.