



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: August 19, 2019

Executive Board Officers:

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

Absent: D. Bigelow, A. Sheperd

Committee Chairs:

Present: B. Brown, A. Koran, K. Sobanski, C. Roney, S. Bolle, J. Bird, J. Grissom

Absent: B. Peters, D. Brown, M. Truza

Others Present:

J. Humphrey, Nancy Strodl

Meeting called to order at 7: 05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: John VanDerAue reported:

- J. VanDerAue noted that the current Master Gardening Class started on 8/17/19 and goes to 11/23/2019. The current MG class has been moved to Saturday and has only 35 attendees. The upcoming Oakland County MG Classes are planned to be held in Southfield and different locations.
- The Recognition reception will be held on 10/16/2019.
- The MG class Volunteer day will be 11/16/2019.
- J. VanDerAue stated his email account has been compromised and to not to respond to scam emails from him.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **B. Brown made a motion to approve the MGSOC board meeting minutes with corrections from May 20, 2019 and C. Roney seconded this motion and all agreed.**

FINANCE: Angela Sheperd absent with report:

- John VanDerAue reported on the MGSOC bank account. A. Sheperd will do a checking account cash flow review and report back.



1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Laura Miehls reported:

- Nothing new to report.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Denise Bigelow absent:

- Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2020 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters absent with report:

- 1st meeting of the team was on 8/6/2019. The Committee meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.
- The committee has a number of new members and all the teams have leaders.
- The Conference will be on April 25, 2020.
- There are 4 speakers confirmed along with their presentation topics: Rick Darke, Doug Tallamy, Heather Holm and Susan Martin.
- J. Bird led a discussion regarding some discrepancies in the conference numbers. J. Bird recommended using Quick Books online which would aid the accountant, treasurer and the conference committee in reporting and confirming expenses. J. Bird is planning to have a meeting with A. Sheperd and S. Trout.
- J. Bird also suggested S. Trout form an account for 2020 conference expenses paid in 2019 for the next calendar year's conference. These prepaid expenses could then be transferred to the 2020 budget. This keeps all the conferences expenses in the same calendar year's budget.
- J. Bird will investigate if the \$880.00 invoice from Workman is valid.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent:

- Nothing new to report.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- The Potluck went very well.
- Soups and casseroles will begin in September.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom reported:

- J. Grissom will bring packets of seeds to the October general meeting for a give-a-way.



- S. Bolle noted that J. Grissom will be helping to put together door prizes for the conference to help deplete her inventory.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- A. Koran reported on the 2020 speaker list. The MGSOC meeting speakers are booked through May.
- A. Koran asked for any suggestions for speaker topics and also any recommendations for speakers.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:

- J. Bird agreed to wait until next year to decide when to print the MGSOC directory to eliminate a reprinting.
- The MGSOC is currently at 180 members.
- J. Bird discussed the upcoming MGSOC board election. All agreed that filling the position of 2nd Vice President was not critical. A. Sheperd has agreed to run for another term. J. VanDerAue has not decided if he will run for president again but will let J. Bird know soon.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:

- C. Roney reported that she has new stationery and has been sending cards as notified.

BOWERS FARM:

S. Bolle/B. Brown reported:

- B. Brown has delivered 110 pounds of produce to Open Door Pantry.
- S. Bolle reported on the upcoming events.

BSLC RENOVATIONS:

Margy Truza absent:

- Nothing new to report.
- Everyone noted how great the church grounds look!

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Laura Miehl reported:

- L. Miehl presented the 2019 MGSOC Grant Applications for approval.
- L. Miehl noted that the total amount requested from the 8 grant applications was under budget. It may be possible to approve one more application this year. In the upcoming year all applications must be approved by the due dates.



- L. Miehl suggested providing applications to be handed out at the upcoming general MGSOC meetings.
- **L. Miehl made a motion to approve and fund the 2019 grant applications. C. Roney seconded this motion and all agreed. Motion approved.**
- L. Miehl will email A. Sheperd details for funding.

TRIPS & TOURS:

Margaret Dolan absent with report:

- M. Dolan is stepping down as the chair person for Trips & Tours but will remain on the committee.
- **J. Fromm made a motion to approve Nancy Strodl and Jen Grider as co-chairs for the Trips & Tours Committee. B. Brown seconded this motion and all agreed.**
- Planning a trip to Nashville Tennessee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- J. VanDerAue will check on the status of the Oudolf's Five Seasons movie viewing.
- J. VanDerAue reminded everyone to send weed pics to Amanda by 10/15/19 for our March speaker Dr. Erin Hill.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **B. Brown made a motion to approve a new MGSOC committee to be called Marketing & Communications. Salle Bolle agreed to chair this committee. L. Miehl seconded this motion and all agreed. Motion passed.**
- **S. Bolle made a motion for a donation to Tollgate Farm to purchase updated software for the engraving machine. J. Bird seconded this motion and all agreed. Motion passed.** We are 3 years into a 10 year partnership for usage of this engraver.
- S. Bolle announced the Piechnik's promotion on August 27, 2019 from 5:30 – 8:00p.m. 35% off except mums.

Motion: Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Required hours: 2.0

Next Meeting: October 21, 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.