



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: October 21, 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, D. Brown, B. Peters

Absent: M. Truza

Others Present:

Sue Williams, Sylvia Schult

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: John VanDerAue reported:

- The MG class Volunteer day will be 11/16/2019 at the Executive Conference bldg. A. Koran will confirm the date, time, number of students and the room organization for J. VanDerAue. J. Fromm agreed to be there to help hand out materials and talk about the society to the graduating master gardeners. S. Bolle agreed to put together packets to give out.
- The next Master Gardening Class will begin March 5th from 12:00pm – 4:00pm in Southfield. MSUE is moving the class locations and times to meet the needs of all Oakland County Master Gardeners.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **S. Bolle made a motion to approve the MGSOC board meeting minutes from August 19, 2019. B. Peters seconded this motion and all agreed.**
- J. Fromm agreed to email minutes two weeks prior to the next meeting.

FINANCE: Angela Sheperd absent:

- No report.



1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Laura Miehls reported:

- Nothing new to report.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Denise Bigelow absent:

- No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2020 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- Everything is going smoothly. A save the date will be going out soon.
- On line sales for the conference will begin January 1, 2020. Early bird tickets are \$80.00. The ticket price increases to \$90.00 after January 31, 2020.
- The total number of vendors will be lower than last year due to building remodeling.
- 370 is the maximum number of guests.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown reported:

- Reminded everyone to add our society to their Amazon Smile shopping.
- The day trip got canceled this year.
- J. VanDerAue suggested doing an overnight trip for people who can't do the longer trip.
- Silent auction is at about 30 gifts.
- D. Brown gave a merchandise and event update.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- K. Sobanski gave an update on the November general meeting and the Holiday Potluck.
- D. Brown agreed to follow up on the Troy Choir.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom reported:

- J. Grissom talked about the seemingly lack of interest in the door prizes at the MGSOC general meetings.
- J. Grissom is almost caught up on turning in her past annual expenses.
- She may not be able to purchase all the needed storage bins this year.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- A. Koran passed out the 2020 list of speakers for the MGSOC general meetings.



- S. Bolle mentioned she has posted all the 2019 speakers and their reporting categories on the MGSOC website.
- A. Koran talked about recording the MGSOC general membership meetings to have on the MGSOC website. She will look into the possibility of MSUE credit for viewing/listening to our meetings.
- **J. Bird made a motion that A. Koran research pricing to purchase a headset microphone for the monthly speakers. K. Sobanski seconded this motion and all agreed.**

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:

- J. Bird noted there are no specific instructions in the MGSOC bylaws on officer elections process and procedures.
- J Bird handed out a draft ballot for the upcoming November officer election.
- J. Bird suggested any interested MG from other counties should be encouraged to join the MMGA. This would allow J. Bird to confirm that they are currently certified.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:

- C. Roney reported that she has sent out at least 20 cards so far.
- J. Bird asked if a card could be sent to Rosemary Attilio. She is having eye surgery.

BOWERS FARM:

S. Bolle/B. Brown reported:

- B. Brown has delivered 1,140.50 pounds of produce to Open Door Pantry. MSUE stated each pound of produce equals 3 servings, which totals a donation of over 3,000 servings of produce.
- S. Bolle reported that they are in the process of totaling all the volunteer hours and probably will set a record this year.
- S. Bolle read a thank you from Roy from Tollgate Farm for our society support in funding the purchase of the new software for the engraving machine.

BSLC RENOVATIONS:

Margy Truza absent:

- No report.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Laura Miehl reported:

- L. Miehl stated that all grants are done for the year.



- J. Fromm agreed to follow up with A. Sheperd regarding how to report all donations which should be separate from Grants and Scholarships.
- **S. Bolle made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Beaumont Hospital for a bereavement donation in honor of Barb Slavins' parents. J. Fromm seconded this motion and all agreed.**

TRIPS & TOURS:

J. VanDerAue reported:

- J. VanDerAue introduced Sue Williams who has agreed to take over as leader of the Trips & Tours committee.
- **D. Brown made a motion to nominate Sue Williams as chairperson for the Trips & Tours Committee. J. Grissom seconded this motion and all agreed. Motion approved.**

Marketing & Communications:

S. Bolle reported:

- No additional business.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- J. VanDerAue discussed the option of a P.O. box address for our society mail. S. Bolle suggested we wait to hear from Ed Scott regarding our mailing address at the MSUE office.
- J. Fromm agreed to look into a shared cloud storage account to dump all our financial and committee information. S. Bolle will ask S. Trout where she stores her information.
- Sylvia Schult introduced herself and the history behind the Sylvia Schult's Award.
- Everyone congratulated Laura Miehl on winning the MG of the year award!

Motion: Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Required hours: 2.5

Next Meeting: November 18, 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.