



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: April 06, 2020

Online meeting

Executive Board Officers:

Present: L. Propst, A. Sheperd, J. VanDerAue, L. Miehls

Absent: J. Fromm

Committee Chairs:

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

Absent: J. Grissom, M. Truza, D. Brown

Others Present:

J. Humphrey, S. Trout

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Lucy Propst reported:

- L. Propst reviewed Governor Whitmer's most recent stay-at-home order.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm absent:

- **S. Bolle made a motion to approve the MGSOC board meeting minutes from March 16, 2020. B. Peters seconded this motion. Motion carried.**

FINANCE: Angela Sheperd reported:

- Checking funds that were moved to A Fifth Third Flourish Cash Account.
- Our CD balance and the checking account balance.
- Future bus trip refunds will be reducing the bank balance.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Laura Miehls reported:

- Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:



2020 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- All reimbursements for the cancelled 2020 conference have been made.
- The amount of non-refundable costs for the conference.
- B. Peters had sent an inquiry to the State of Michigan asking if we can apply the 2020 raffle license fee to 2021.
- All four 2020 conference presenters have committed to the 2021 conference.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent:

- Nothing new to report.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- K. Sobanski is writing a description of job responsibilities as committee chair. This will be shared with the board for member comments.
- Hospitality supplies are being organized.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom absent with report:

- J. Grissom will be sending in receipts for reimbursements for all society door prizes used to date for 2020 and for preapproved and budgeted storage containers.
- J. Grissom noted she will be storing all the 2020 conference raffle and door prize donations which may require additional storage containers.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- The MGSOC meeting for May 12, 2020 has been canceled
- George Papadallis has committed to May 31, 2020 at 5:00p.m. at Telly's for our rescheduled May meeting.
- Telly's will allow shopping after the presentation.
- There will be no food at this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:

- There are 145 current MGSOC members including 14 new members.
- J. Bird will email an updated membership list to the board and S. Bolle agreed to eblast this out to the membership.
- We should have the new directory in June.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:



- C. Roney sent out several cards including special shout outs sent by C. Roney and A. Koran.

BOWERS FARM:

S. Bolle/B. Brown reported:

- Bowers Farm is currently closed based on MSUE restrictions. May 15, 2020 is the projected open date.

BSLC RENOVATIONS:

Margy Truza reported:

- Nothing new to report.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Laura Miehl reported:

- L. Miehl gave an update on current applications.

TRIPS & TOURS:

Sue Williams reported:

- The 2020 bus trip is cancelled. S. Williams will work on getting deposit refunds.
- S. Williams proposed a rescheduled trip for June 25-28, 2021.
- All attendee trip payments will be refunded.
- 2020 attendees and wait listers will have an earlier advantage to purchase tickets for next year's trip.

Marketing & Communications:

S. Bolle reported:

- S. Bolle agreed to send out notifications of the cancelled 2020 bus trip and that all four speakers have committed to speak at the 2021 garden conference.
- S. Bolle noted that she had not heard from Diane Brady or Mary Wilson about advertising for the College in June.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There was discussion regarding a post office box for our MGSOC mail. K. Sobanski agreed to open box with the Troy Post Office for \$118.00.
- K. Sobanski and S. Bolle will share in the responsibility of getting the mail.

NEW BUSINESS:



- L. Propst discussed the MGSOC 2020 budget (see attached budget).
- **A. Sheperd made a motion to approve the 2020 MGSOC Budget as documented. J. Bird seconded this motion. Motion carried.**

Motion: Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Required hours: 1.50

Next Meeting: May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Skype

- 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.