



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2020

Online meeting

Executive Board Officers:

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

Absent:

Committee Chairs:

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

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

Others Present:

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Lucy Propst reported:

- Governor Whitmer's most recent stay-at-home order extended to May 28, 2020.
- A statement from Mary Wilson regarding EMG volunteering included: all EMG volunteering hours have been suspended for 2020 however 10 hours of education will still be required for recertification for 2020 and there will be no in-person meetings until September 01, 2020.
- L. Miehl talked about the face masks she has been making (500 to date) for friends, Habitat for Humanity staff and core volunteers. She is now making masks for the homeless to wear on the buses; she is projecting to make 200 or more. She is also accepting material/elastic donations. If anyone needs a mask, they can email her with details.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **B. Brown made a motion to approve the MGSOC board meeting minutes as corrected from April 06, 2020. S. Bolle seconded this motion. Motion carried.**



FINANCE: Angela Sheperd reported:

- MGSOC expenses and income.
- Fifth Third checking account balances of primary and secondary (used for PayPal deposits) and the Certificate of Deposit due June 2020.
- All credit cards are paid off.
- The Flourish account balance with accumulated YTD interest.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Laura Miehl reported:

- Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2020 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- B. Peters was able to extend the raffle license to 2021.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent:

- Nothing new to report.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski absent:

- Nothing new to report.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom absent:

- Nothing new to report.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- The different Zoom Meeting options available and their costs.
- She has a tentative date for a Zoom Meeting with George Papadadallis. The next two speakers have also agreed to do a Zoom Meeting for MGSOC.
- MGSOC should be able to post these Zoom Meeting on our website. A. Koran noted that this might be a good option for our future in-person meetings as well.
- We could possibly post on YouTube.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:

- There are 145 current MGSOC members including 14 new members.
- She will send an email directory to S. Bolly to send out.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:

- Nothing new to report.

BOWERS FARM:

S. Bolle/B. Brown reported:

- Bowers Farm community gardens are open. The farm is closed until future notice by the governor.

BSLC RENOVATIONS:

Margy Truza absent:

- Nothing new to report.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Laura Miehl reported:

- There are two Oakland County projects, Project Red and Rochester Neighborhood House food pantry (planning to start an organic garden to supplement the pantry with vegetables.).
- **L. Miehl made a motion to approve these two projects and S. Bolle seconded this motion. All agreed and the motion carried.**

TRIPS & TOURS:

Sue Williams reported:

- The 2021 trip has been rescheduled for June 17 – 20, 2021. The bus company has been informed of the 2020 trip cancellation. She has not received any refund or notice from them. The hotel will be fully refunded and should come off the credit card.
- The day trip has been cancelled for 2020.

Marketing & Communications:

S. Bolle reported:

- Sending out emails as she gets them.

OLD BUSINESS:

- L. Propst agreed to contact Lori Imboden to discuss the MGSOC donation to MSUE to use at their discretion and the four student scholarships. A. Sheperd needs to be contacted with the information to distribute these funds to MSUE.
- S. Bolle agreed to follow up with K. Sobanski regarding the MGSOC P.O. box. S. Bolle noted the Auburn Hills location would be best for her if she took this on.



NEW BUSINESS:

- L. Propst noted the 2020 Master Gardener College is being postponed to August 2021.
- L. Propst and S. Bolle outlined the procedures to submit an article as an EMG:
 - Requests for volunteers to write articles as Extension Master Gardeners needs to go through MSU Extension before it reaches volunteers.
 - It is best if a staff member directly communicates with community groups before things are announced.
 - It is Lori Imboden's responsibility to determine whether an activity is appropriate for volunteers to do in the name of the EMG program.
 - MGSOC has the authority to determine which volunteer opportunities are eligible and appropriate of EMGs.

Motion: Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Required hours: 1.50

Next Meeting: August 17, 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.