



## **MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2020**

### **Online meeting**

#### **Executive Board Officers:**

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

Absent:

#### **Committee Chairs:**

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

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

#### **Others Present:**

S. Trout

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

#### **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

PRESIDENT: Lucy Propst reported:

- Report in new and old business.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **S. Bolle made a motion to approve the MGSOC board meeting minutes from August 17, 2020. B. Peters seconded this motion. Motion carried.**
- Updated Conflict of Interest forms will be emailed by J. Fromm for anyone who has not signed and mailed one yet.

FINANCE: Angela Sheperd reported:

- 5/3 checking account balances of the primary elite checking x3078 and the secondary elite checking x8525 (used for PayPal deposits).
- The secondary elite checking has been accruing service charges due to balances being below the amount needed for an elite account and was not marked as a nonprofit account. A. Sheperd will contact 5/3 Bank and change these accounts from elite to



regular and make sure all accounts are marked as nonprofit (the primary elite checking has already been marked as a nonprofit account).

- The Flourish account balance with accumulated YTD interest.

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Laura Miehl reported:

- Nothing new to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

2020 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- Conference committee zoom meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday. They will be discussing:
  - If they should plan for a 2020 live conference or a Zoom conference. M. Truza is contacting the speakers to find out if they are able and willing to do a Zoom presentation.
  - If the conference should be a multipart conference on different days and what the costs would be for that.
  - What would a Zoom conference price be and how would the tickets be purchased?
  - S. Bolle will contact Mary Wilson to find out if there is a Plants of Distinction conference planned for 2020.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown:

- Nothing new to report

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- Nothing new to report.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom absent:

- Nothing new to report.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- Nothing new to report.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:



- J. Bird reviewed the 2020 election results and noted that the board positions were uncontested.
- S. Bolle has been elected as the new Vice President and J. Fromm as the Secretary.
- There are currently 160 members of the MGSOC.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Cecily Roney reported:

- Nothing new to report.

BOWERS FARM: S. Bolle/B. Brown reported:

- S. Bolle reported that they had about half the usual number of volunteers working in the gardens once it was open this season. They are done working for the year except, the watering team will continue until October.
- A children's discovery garden design is in progress at the farm.
- Monies still left in the Bowers Farm budget.

BSLC RENOVATIONS: Margy Truza absent:

- Nothing new to report.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: Laura Miehl reported:

- Nothing new to report.

TRIPS & TOURS: Sue Williams reported:

- S. Williams reviewed the status of the 2021 Pennsylvania trip. The hotel is reserved for June 17-20<sup>th</sup> 2021 with deposit.
- The trip will not be announced until the end of February 2021.
- S. Williams has refunds from the planned 2020 trip for A. Sheperd. These include a group dinner, a hotel deposit, a bus deposit, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> group dinner (this dinner will be a credit on the credit card).
- L. Miehl suggested sending an email to the Society members informing them that there will be no announcements of the 2021 bus trip until later in February 2021.

Marketing & Communications: S. Bolle reported:

- There has not been much new mail.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- L. Propst contacted Lori Imboden regarding the MGSOC donation to MSUE of \$1,000.00 to and the four student scholarships. Mary Wilson thanked the MGSOC for the donations. Lori Imboden is to contact L. Propst with the details of how to deliver the scholarships.
- L. Propst noted Beautiful Savior has not gotten back with her regarding the status of in person meetings. She did see they have a sign posted that they are currently closed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Sheperd noted that we paid the 2020 maintenance fee to Beautiful Savior in December 2020. MGSOC has not meet there since January 2020.
- **A. Sheperd made a motion to prepay the MGSOC maintenance fee to Beautiful Savior for 2021. J. Bird seconded this motion, and all agreed. This motion carried.**
- L. Propst discussed having a virtual holiday party.
- A. Sheperd agreed to contact M. Truza to obtain the Troy High School choir directors contact information. She will ask if the choir will have a recording available for the holidays.
- Everyone agreed to donate to the Troy Highschool Choir as a goodwill gesture.
- Having an online auction was discussed. S. Bolle agreed to contact D. Brown regarding organization donation information and if her committee has received any 2020 donations for an auction.
- S. Trout will call the accountant to follow-up on our MGSOC 2019 tax return.

**Motion:** Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Required hours: 1.50

Next Meeting: November 16, 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](http://www.mgsoc.org).