



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: August 16, 2021

Online meeting

Executive Board Officers:

Present: L. Propst, A. Sheperd, J. Fromm, S. Bolle

Absent: J. VanDerAue

Committee Chairs:

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

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

Others Present:

None

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Lucy Propst reported:

- L. Propst discussed the possibility of having virtual meetings through the end of 2021. **J. Bird made a motion that all MGSOC meetings be virtual throughout 2021. S. Bolle seconded this motion. Motion carried.**
- S. Bolle announced that K. Sobanski has offered to pick up our mail from the post office and the Oakland County Extension office.
- L. Propst talked about the letters she has received from the IRS stating that MGSOC has taxes due from 2018. Our accountant, Craig May, stated that we are current on all taxes and that the IRS is behind in their correspondences.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **S. Bolle made a motion to approve the May 17, 2021, MGSOC board meeting minutes. B. Peters seconded this motion. Motion carried.**



FINANCE: Angela Sheperd reported:

- Review of the 5/3 checking account balances of the primary elite checking x3078 and the secondary elite checking x8525 (used for PayPal deposits).
- Review of the Flourish account balance.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: S. Bolle reported:

- Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2022 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- B. Peters reported that no committee meetings have been scheduled yet but will likely meet in September.
- There is no committed date for the venue due to Oakland Schools meetings having priority and weekends are booking up. There is still a possibility of not being able to have an in-person conference in 2022.
- There are 3 tentative speakers lined up.
- There might be an attendee maximum set for the venue.

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:

- A. Koran reported that she is keeping the MGSOC Zoom account at 100 viewers and noted that most of our members watch the monthly speakers on YouTube.
- S. Bolle suggested a link on our new website to our monthly meeting speakers posted on YouTube. She will follow up on this.



- A. Koran is working on the 2022 speaker list. S. Bolle noted that Matt, co-owner of Piechnik Garden Center, is interested in being a speaker. A. Koran discussed speaker fees to nursery owners.
- L. Propst expressed an interest in having a speaker on herbs.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:

- J. Bird discussed the MGSOC 2022 election. The MGSOC President and the Treasurer positions are up for election.
- The election will be virtual again this year.
- J. Bird will send a notice to S. Bolle regarding the election details. We will begin collecting nominee names in September.
- We now have approximately 136 members.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:

- J. Bird asked for a card to be sent to Rose Marie Attilio.

BOWERS FARM:

Sally Bolle /B. Brown reported:

- B. Brown reported that she has begun delivering tomatoes to the Open-Door Pantry.
- Bowers Farm is now open on Saturdays.
- Talked about the Pioneer Garden.

BSLC RENOVATIONS:

Margy Truza absent:

- Nothing new to report.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Beth Brown/Julie Fromm reported:

- S. Bolle agreed to have B. Brown and J. Fromm take over The Grants and Scholarships committee due to her involvement in the new MGSOC website in addition to her other society commitments.

TRIPS & TOURS:

Sue Williams absent:

- Nothing new to report.

Marketing & Communications:

Sally Bolle reported:



- S. Bolle reported on the new MGSOC web site and the many Master Gardener emails she receives.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business.

Motion: Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Required hours: 1.0.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2021 at 6:00 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.