



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: October 18, 2021

Online meeting

Executive Board Officers:

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

Absent: J. VanDerAue, S. Bolle

Committee Chairs:

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

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

Others Present:

None

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Lucy Propst reported:

- J. Fromm and L. Propst volunteered to represent the MGSOC at the West Bloomfield Earth Day Celebration on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. J. Fromm will contact Lauren Azoury regarding the details.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **B. Brown made a motion to approve the August 16, 2021, MGSOC board meeting minutes with corrections. J. Bird seconded this motion. Motion carried.**
- J. Fromm will email the 2022 conflict of interest form to be signed and returned by the MGSOC board and committee members.

FINANCE: Angela Sheperd reported:

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



1ST VICE PRESIDENT: S. Bolle absent:

- Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2022 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- The first 2022 conference meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2021.
- The Oakland Schools Conference Center may not announce the center's availability until January 2022. This would be too late for our marketing material distribution. The center may have strict occupancy numbers which would affect our attendee numbers.
- B. Peters discussed our options for the 2022 MG Conference:
 - in person conference (with potential restrictions).
 - remote conference
 - combination of both
 - cancel for 2022 and wait until 2023
- There are three tentative speakers lined up for April 30, 2022. B. Peters discussed the idea of getting the speakers permission to record to have available online for a limited time frame.
- J. Bird asked if we could reduce our speakers to three instead of four to shorten the length and reduce costs.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent:

- Nothing new to report.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- K. Sobanski suggested having a general membership meeting at a park/pavilion when it gets warmer in the spring or early summer of 2022.
- Everyone thought this was a great way to reconnect with our members.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom absent:

- Nothing new to report.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- A. Koran asked the board if we should increase the amount, we pay our speakers.



- **J. Fromm made a motion to increase our monthly MGSOC speaker fees to \$200.00 - \$250.00. B. Peters seconded this motion, and all agreed. Motion passed.**
- Reminder to send any speaker ideas to A. Koran.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS: Julie Bird reported:

- We are at 138 members.
- No one has come forward to fill the open president or treasurer positions.
- J. Bird will restate the approximate monthly time commitment for the treasurer position. A. Sheperd noted she averages about 10 hours at the busiest months.
- MGSOC needs a new bookkeeper. J. Bird will send an eblast to the membership stating this is a paid position. L. Propst will reach out to Craig May for a bookkeeper reference.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Cecily Roney reported:

- A card will be sent to S. Bolle.

BOWERS FARM: Sally Bolle absent /B. Brown reported:

- B. Brown reported that she has delivered 293.50 lbs. of tomatoes and still has more.
- The last workday at the farm will be Wednesday, October 27th.
- The end of season gathering brunch will be on October 30th.
- L. Propst asked for photos of Bowers Farm volunteers to have up for our monthly society meetings.

BSLC RENOVATIONS: Margy Truza absent:

- Nothing new to report.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: Beth Brown/Julie Fromm reported:

- J. Fromm will follow up with S. Bolle regarding the grant application link and ask about our new website address.

TRIPS & TOURS: Sue Williams absent:

- Nothing new to report.

Marketing & Communications: Sally Bolle absent with report:

- The new MGSOC website will be up soon.



OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business.

Motion: Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Required hours: 1.50.

Next Meeting: November 15, 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.