**MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2022**

**Online meeting**

**Executive Board Officers:**

Present: L. Propst, J. Fromm, D. Foster

Absent: J. VanDerAue, S. Bolle

**Committee Chairs:**

Present: A. Koran, J. Bird, S. Williams, J. Grissom, K. Sobanski

Absent: D. Brown, M. Truza, B. Peters, C. Roney

**Others Present:**

E. Ersher

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

**EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

PRESIDENT: Lucy Propst reported:

* The MGSOC budget account #63600 includes our Zoom meeting expenses and the storage fee for J. Grissom’s inventory.
* L. Propst announced that she was asked by AARP Real Possibilities TV to make a presentation to their TV show.
* L. Propst proposes that we go to an in-person general meeting in April 2022 with a mandatory sign in.
* L. Propst will check with Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church for availability. S. Bolle to send out notification of the April meeting to be in-person with a trial zoom recording of this meeting.
* E. Ersher will follow up with the items from the board meeting on 01/24/2022.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

* **A. Koran made a motion to approve the January 24, 2022, MGSOC board meeting minutes with corrections. L. Propst seconded this motion. Motion carried.**

FINANCE: Dianah Foster reported:

* D. Foster reported the 5/3 checking account balances for our primary elite checking, secondary elite checking and our Flourish account.
* D. Foster asked if anyone knew anything about a small deduction from our checking account labeled MI business tax payment. She will follow up with D. Brown asking if it is for MI sales tax.
* **J. Bird made a motion to close the 5/3 checking account and to transfer these funds to our primary 5/3 checking account. J. Fromm seconded this motion. Motion passed.**
* **L. Propst made motion to donate to the MG College. K. Sobanski seconded this motion. Motion passed.** S. Bolle is working on the advertisement.
* L. Propst reviewed our 3 insurance policies for 3 purposes: liability insurance for our trips and meetings, coverage for the MGSOC officers, and general liability.
* D. Foster reported that we have a General Liability policy, an employee dishonesty bond and a policy for directors and officers. All the policies are due in April. The policies are all paid annually but have different expiration dates (some policies are good for multiple years even though we pay annually). D. Foster requested permission to pay these premiums when due if the terms are the same as last year. **J. Fromm made a motion to authorize the treasurer to pay the three insurance premiums before the due dates under the assumption that the terms and premiums of the policies have not changed. J. Bird seconded the motion and all agreed. Motion passed.**

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: S. Bolle absent with report:

* Nothing new to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

2022 MG CONFERENCE: Betty Peters absent with report:

* L. Propst reported for B. Peters that the virtual conference is going well with a rehearsal on 4/22/2022.
* Ticket sales are down this year. Last year at this time we had roughly 221 tickets sold and this year we have sold only 90 tickets to date.
* K. Sobanski suggested we have a reminder sent to the membership to buy their tickets.

FUNDRAISING: Denise Brown absent:

* Nothing new to report.

HOSPITALITY: Kathy Sobanski reported:

* K. Sobanski noted that we should have only packaged snacks for our initial in-person general meetings.
* K. Sobanski will need a small budget to replace expired food items.
* J. Bird noted that she received two memberships forwarded by K. Sobanski but there was a missing membership check. She has handled it.
* K. Sobanski asked if there was a way of reporting our volunteer hours for our MGSOC leadership activities. A. Koran said MSUE is currently working on this and to keep a log of your hours. When we do get a category to log our 2021 hours, we should pick a date such as 01/01/2022 and put all the 2021 hours in as a block with an explanation.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR: Janie Grissom reported:

* J. Grissom committed to doing an inventory of merchandise in the storage unit when the weather gets better.
* J. Grissom would prefer to use her purchased and donated merchandise for our next MGSOC Conference for the raffle and to sell.
* J. Grissom stated that she will reduce inventory stored at her home prior to inventory stored in the storage unit.
* L. Propst noted we will not be acquiring any new merchandise (donated or bought) to be stored in the storage unit. Any door prizes, raffle gifts, and silent auction will come from our current inventory with the goal of eventually not needing a storage area. This will reduce MGSOC annual expenses.
* The 2022 budget for door prizes is coming from current inventory.

EDUCATION: Amanda Koran reported:

* L. Propst reported for S. Bolle that Piechniks is not interested in being one of the MGSOC speakers but would be interested in hosting another membership meeting evening at Piechniks.
* There was a discussion of having a zoom recording at the upcoming in-person general meetings. A. Koran talked about some potential technical problems which could happen. This might be something we could use in cases of winter dangerous weather.
* We do have the capability to have a private zoom account for 50 viewers to request a zoom recording. This can be used for members who cannot attend the live meetings.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS: Julie Bird reported:

* J. Bird asked to increase her budget for expenses.
* There are approximately 90 membership applications.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Cecily Roney absent with report:

* L. Propst reported for C. Roney that she has only sent out one card since the last meeting.
* C. Roney needs to send a card regarding Kay Kisell’s passing.

BOWERS FARM: Sally Bolle absent with report:

* L. Propst reported for S. Bolle that Nancy Schmid agreed to replace S. Bolle as committee chair for Bowers Farm.
* **L. Propst made a motion to appoint Nancy Schmidt as the committee chair for Bowers Farm. J. Bird seconded the motion and all agreed. Motion passed.**
* N. Schmid needs to be added to the MGSOC group emails [nancy.c.s@comcast.net](mailto:nancy.c.s@comcast.net).

BSLC RENOVATIONS: Margy Truza absent:

* Nothing new to report.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: Julie Fromm reported:

* J. Fromm announced we had a grant request from Jean Gramlich for the Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy.
* J. Fromm will send out the application to the MGSOC board group for review.

TRIPS & TOURS: Sue Williams reported:

* Nothing new to report.

Marketing & Communications: Sally Bolle reported:

* Nothing new to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* No new business

**Motion:**  Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Required hours: 2.0.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2022 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.