**MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: August 15, 2022**

**Online meeting**

**Executive Board Officers:**

Present: L. Propst, J. Fromm

Absent: J. VanDerAue, S. Bolle, D. Foster

**Committee Chairs:**

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

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

**Others Present:**

E. Ersher

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

**EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

PRESIDENT: Lucy Propst reported:

* L. Propst talked about having all upcoming MGSOC general membership meetings at Bowers Farm including the holiday party. Everyone agreed that this location works. The MGSOC board meeting will continue to be held on Zoom. We have a maintenance fee per meeting at Bowers Farm which is a nut free location.
* N. Schmid reported that Piechnik’s Greenhouse has offered their new decorated green house as a free location for our MGSOC holiday party.
* L. Propst agreed to call Alan Jaros, director of Bowers Farm, to reserve a meeting room at Bowers Farm thru December 2022 for MGSOC general meetings and potentially a room for our holiday party. She will also contact D. Brown regarding a silent auction.
* L. Propst will contact Kathy Morris regarding a category for MGSOC leadership hours.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

* **B. Peters made a motion to approve the May 16, 2022, MGSOC board meeting minutes. C. Roney seconded this motion. Motion carried.**
* J. Fromm asked if we ever approved a finalized budget for 2022.

FINANCE: Dianah Foster absent with report:

* L. Propst reported for D. Foster on the 5/3 checking account balances and the Flourish account.
* D. Foster is filing our Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Annual Report due October 1st. She is also working with our CPA to file our IRS Form 990.

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

* Nothing new to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

2022 MG CONFERENCE: Betty Peters reported:

* There are two conference speakers lined up.
* They are looking into the costs of holding the conference at a local high school.
* There will probably be a team meeting at the end of September.

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 she is working on the 2023 speakers.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS: Julie Bird reported:

* J. Bird reported there are currently 107 MGSOC Members (2 are emeritus).
* J. Fromm asked of likelihood of our membership numbers going up next year. A. Koran stated that there will be MG classes resuming in 2023.
* J. Bird noted that our elections are coming up. The open positions are Secretary and Vice President, each with a two-year term. (She will note that all board meetings are on Zoom.)
* J. Bird will send S. Bolle an election eblast notice to be sent out to the membership.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Cecily Roney reported:

* C. Roney has sent out cards as requested.

BOWERS FARM: Nancy Schmid reported:

* C. Roney and N. Schmid reported that the signs made from Toll Gate Farm are falling apart. They presented a new plant label/sign they would be replacing broken labels and new plants with.
* N. Schmid noted they have purchased new plants and will use their remaining budget to purchase the required number of signs/labels.
* A. Koran said they are starting to donate produce to the food bank. They have donated approximately 50 plus pounds of vegetables so far.

BSLC RENOVATIONS: Margy Truza absent:

* Nothing new to report.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: Julie Fromm reported:

* J. Fromm will be sending photos from the recipients to post on our website.

TRIPS & TOURS: Sue Williams absent:

* Nothing new to report.

Marketing & Communications: Sally Bolle absent:

* Nothing new to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* No new business.

**Motion:**  Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Required hours: 1.0.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Zoom

* 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.