**MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2022**

**Online meeting**

**Executive Board Officers:**

Present: L. Propst, J. Fromm, J. VanDerAue, S. Bolle

Absent: D. Foster

**Committee Chairs:**

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

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

**Others Present:**

E. Ersher

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

**EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

PRESIDENT: Lucy Propst reported:

* L. Propst went through the meeting agenda.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

* **L. Propst made a motion to approve the August 15, 2022, MGSOC board meeting minutes. S. Bolly seconded this motion. Motion carried.**

FINANCE: Dianah Foster absent with report:

* L. Propst reported for D. Foster on the 5/3 checking account balances and the Flourish account.
* The 2021 MGSOC tax return was discussed.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: S. Bolle reported:

* Nothing new to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

2022 MG CONFERENCE: Betty Peters reported:

* The first team zoom meeting will be tomorrow night.
* An April 29th date is not available for the Oakland Schools building but, May 6, 2023 is on hold. This Venue does not have a catering service now. They are Looking at possibly having the conference at a local high school.
* The are 2 speakers tentatively booked.
* The committee needs volunteers.
* J. VanDerAue asked if local community colleges have been looked at as a venue.

FUNDRAISING: Denise Brown absent:

* Nothing new to report.

HOSPITALITY: Kathy Sobanski absent:

* Nothing new to report.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR: Janie Grissom reported:

* L. Propst gave a discussion regarding J. Grissom’s storage unit burglary. J. Grissom is requesting a budget to purchase 2 storage shelves and approximately 20 storage totes.
* J. Fromm noted that we have unused budgeted funds for the BSLC committee we could offset this request with.
* **S. Bolle made a motion to approve funds for use by J. Grissom to purchase storage shelves and containers. J. Bird seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
* L. Propst asked Emily Ersher to move the budget for BSLC Renovations to be used for this purchase.

EDUCATION: Amanda Koran reported:

* A. Koran reported on the next meeting’s speaker.
* A. Koran will confirm our November meeting with Bowers Farm and our meetings for 2023. We will not be there for December.
* A. Koran will send S. Bolle a list of speakers lined up for 2023 to post.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS: Julie Bird reported:

* S. Bolle agreed to stay on as Vice Present for two more years and J. Fromm agreed to stay on as Recording Secretary for a term of two years.
* J. Bird reported that no one from the MGSOC membership came forward to fill any open MGSOC board membership positions.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Cecily Roney reported:

* C. Roney has sent out cards as requested. She has sent out about 4 cards this month.
* C. Roney will send a card to D. Foster at her home address.

BOWERS FARM: Nancy Schmid reported:

* N. Schmid reported that they have prepared grounds for two gardens for a spring planting. One is planned for a hellebore and fern garden and the other is behind the cottage. They also plan to add plants to the garden Sally designed in front of the cottage due to plant loss.
* Master Gardeners were at the Bowers Farm fall festival. They recruited a few people to join the program and operated the cider press for the kids. Fun was had by all!

BSLC RENOVATIONS: Margy Truza absent:

* Nothing new to report.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: Julie Fromm reported:

* J. Fromm Will send Sally photos from Bittersweet Farm to post on the website. Sally still needs to add the grants and scholarships to the website.

TRIPS & TOURS: Sue Williams absent:

* Nothing new to report.

Marketing & Communications: Sally Bolle reported:

* S. Bolle reported that she is continually working on the website and worked on the Piechnik’s event.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* L. Propst reported that S. Bolle has received an invitation to participate in the interviews for the new MSUE Oakland County Representative to replace Lori Imboden. L. Propst agreed to take this on. J. VanDerAue discussed some thoughts on what this role should include and the relationship between MSUE and the MG gardeners.
* J. Fromm asked if we had a category approved for our MGSOC leadership hours in Volunteer Central yet.
* We need to email Cathy Morris to activate our individual EMG Association Board and Community Hours category.
* S. Bolle asked A. Koran to send an email to our group with the contact information for Cathy Morris.

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

Required hours: 2.0.

Next Meeting: November 21, 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.