



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: May 22, 2023

Online meeting

Executive Board Officers:

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

Absent: D. Foster

Committee Chairs:

Present: A. Koran, J. Bird, C. Roney, N. Schmid, J. Grissom, M. Truza, B. Peters, Emily Lardner

Absent: D. Brown, K. Sobanski

Others Present:

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Lucy Propst reported:

- L. Propst talked about the Ferndale Spring Fever Plant & Flower Market. Five MGSOC members participated from 10:30am – 4:30pm. Caitlin Splawski was there.
- A. Koran reported on the Farmers Markets. There are 8 markets and they are using Sign-Up Genius for volunteer sign-ups. A. Koran will make a summary of all the market locations and how volunteers can sign up for available time slots then S. Bolle will send out an eblast to the society.
- S. Bolle asked if we could get Smart Gardening materials to have at our general membership meetings. A. Koran agreed to ask Caitlin Splawski if L. Propst could keep the Smart Gardening materials box she has to use for our MGSOC general meetings.
- L. Propst discussed the BSLC room setup and coffee area supplies. There seems to be miscommunications with BSLC regarding meeting dates and equipment use. Rules at BSLC have changed since our numerous years of pre-Covid use.
- Alternative meeting locations were discussed:
 - Bowers Farm
 - Goldner Walsh
 - Troy First United Methodist Church (K. Sobanski's church). E. Lardner agreed to contact Lisa Head the church coordinator.



- Birmingham First United Church (M. Truza's church). S. bolle agreed to follow up with this.

-St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (John Humphrey's church). S. Bolle agreed to contact the church.

SECRETARY:

Julie Fromm reported:

- **S. Bolle made a motion to approve the March 20, 2023, MGSOC board meeting minutes with revisions. J. Bird seconded this motion. Motion carried.**

FINANCE:

Dianah Foster reported:

- The 5/3 checking account balances for the primary elite checking and the Flourish account.
- L. Propst noted that the fed form 990 (income statement & balance sheet) was due Monday, May 15, 2023.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

S. Bolle reported:

- Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2024 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- B. Peters is still waiting to hear on the Oakland Schools facility (expecting to hear something by mid-summer). We are still penciled in for 4/27/24. There have been changes to the facility format. There is now a cap of 288 attendees and limited to 8 vendors.
- B. Peters sent out her survey to 400 previous conference attendees and only got 62 responses.
- B. Peters will send out an outline of each of the 6 potential speakers with a brief summary.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent:

- Nothing to report.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski absent:

- Nothing to report.



DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR: Janie Grissom reported:

- J. Grissom asked to change the committee's name to Door Prize & Raffle Coordinator and all agreed.
- J. Grissom reported raffle sales at the April general meeting.
- There will be no raffle at offsite meetings.

EDUCATION: Amanda Koran reported:

- A. Koran discussed picking a day for our 2024 MGSOC general meetings.
- The 2023 MGSOC holiday party was discussed. N. Schmid will follow up with having the party again this December at Piehnik's.
- There was a discussion of potentially having a few of our winter meeting on Zoom.
- A. Koran offered her help in coordinating a day trip to Four Star Greenhouse for this summer. She also mentioned a production tour at Telly's Shelby location in spring 2024.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS: Julie Bird reported:

- J. Bird reported that there were 10 guests at Telly's MGSOC meeting.
- J. Bird is working on the directory.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Cecily Roney reported:

- C. Roney reported that she sends out 3 to 5 cards per month.

BOWERS FARM: Nancy Schmid reported:

- N. Schmid reported on the Bowers Farm Plant Sale. Not many volunteers showed up.
- N. Schmid noted that she works with Chris VanWagoner and C. Roney on Wednesdays. Karol Carter and Robert Denver join them on Saturdays.

BSLC RENOVATIONS: Margy Truza reported:

- It was agreed by all to terminate this committee.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: Julie Fromm reported:

- Nothing new to report.

TRIPS & TOURS: E. Lardner reported:

- E. Lardner introduced herself as our new team leader of Trips & Tours.



- E. Lardner is planning a potential MGSOC day trip to Oudolf Garden in September. A. Koran has been working with Richard Thomas on this trip already. E. Lardner will take this over and use the Oudolf Garden Website to schedule a date.
 - E Lardner discussed possible future trips in Michigan and out of state.
 - Lurie Garden, Chicago Botanical Garden. (Possibly summer 2024).
 - Walters Garden, Fernwood Gardens, Frederick Meijer Gardens.
 - Raker-Roberta's Trial Gardens, Litchfield Mi (possibly 7/27/2023).
- Four Star Greenhouse, 1015 Indian Trail Rd, Carleton, Mi 48117 (ph: 734-654-6420, fax: 734-654-2795).

Marketing & Communications:

Sally Bolle reported:

- S. Bolle is still working on getting photos up on the web site.
- S. Bolle reported she continues to vet emails on a daily basis.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **E. Lardner made a motion to nominate M. Truza as the Advisor/Past President. A. Koran seconded this motion and all agreed. Motion passed.**
- L. Propst reviewed the remaining meeting dates for 2023:
 - Monday, May 22, 2023
 - Monday, August 21, 2023
 - Monday, October 23, 2023
 - Monday, November 20, 2023

Motion: Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Required hours: 2.0.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2023, 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.