



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: August 21, 2023

Online meeting

Executive Board Officers:

Present: L. Propst, S. Bolle, D. Foster, M. Truza

Absent: J. Fromm

Committee Chairs:

Present: A. Koran, J. Bird, C. Roney, J. Grissom, B. Peters, K. Sobanski, E. Lardner

Absent: D. Brown, N. Schmid

Others Present:

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Lucy Propst reported:

- L. Propst announced that she will not run for MGSOC president for 2024.

SECRETARY:

Julie Fromm Absent with report:

- **L. Propst made a motion to approve the May 22, 2023, MGSOC board meeting minutes. S. Bolle 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 asked about the fed form 990 (income statement & balance sheet) due Monday, May 15, 2023. D. Foster requested an extension due to her health. She is forwarding the Balance Sheet and P&L from E. Ersher to our CPA. Once we receive our tax return, she will send it out to everyone. We have until the end of the year to send this in.
- L. Propst asked about sales taxes. D. Foster stated that she is aware of only sales taxes being collected. She will ask E. Ersher who is responsible for this. D. Foster will also find



out about the CSCL-CD-2000 and Fed Form 1023. We also need to change the addresses on all forms.

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 for the final date we have asked for. We are still penciled in for 4/27/24 with four speakers lined up. The committee meets tomorrow.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent:

- Nothing to report.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- K. Sobanski talked about food signup. It was suggested that we try to have 2 food events per year, maybe one in the spring and one in fall. MGSOC could provide water and snacks at all other general meetings.

DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom reported:

- J. Grissom reported raffle sales at the last general meeting.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- A. Koran will schedule the upcoming January and February 2024 general meetings as a Wednesday Zoom meeting.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:

- J. Bird reported that there are approximately 109 current MGSOC Members.
- J. Bird noted that the election is coming up for September. The office of President and Treasurer are open for candidates. D. Foster announced that she is running for treasurer again. L. Propst is stepping down as president this year.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:



- C. Roney reported that she has been sending out notes and cards including a thank you card to the folks at Meadowbrook Hall for giving them their leftover plants from their sale.
- C. Roney will send a note to Julie Fromm who is caring for her mother who fell and crushed her shoulder and elbow.

BOWERS FARM:

Nancy Schmid absent with report:

- C. Roney reported that there was a lot of storm damage on the farm this summer and they lost trees.
- Thanks to S. Bolle for the cottage garden renovation.
- The Sunflower fort is almost complete.
- All the gardens look wonderful this year thanks to all the volunteers.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Julie Fromm absent:

- Nothing new to report.

TRIPS & TOURS:

E. Lardner reported:

- E. Lardner was not able to put together a day trip to Oudolf Garden for September. She would like to speak to the membership at the August general meeting to get an idea of how many members would be interested in attending a day trip there in the spring, summer and again in the fall next year.
- E. Lardner can do most of this committee's planning in the winter when her business has slowed down.
- A. Koran brought up the spring production tour at Telly's.

Marketing & Communications:

Sally Bolle reported:

- Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Koran reported that she may be the only volunteer ambassador. She will send S. Bolle a list of who is available for our members to contact for help.



- S. Bolle agreed to contact Matt to set up the Holiday Potluck for December 06, 2023. S. Bolle will offer that MGSOC could pay for the table and chair rentals.
- MGSOC has been invited to the MSUE onboarding class/orientation being held at Bowers Farm and Tollgate Farm. It has been requested that MGSOC bring our merchandise to sell.
- M. Truza asked if anyone if anyone has seen or spoken to D. Brown. D. Foster has been unsuccessful in getting a response from D. Brown after numerous emails and phone messages. Everyone agreed that it is extremely important to resolve the issue of our merchandise inventory as soon as possible.

Motion: Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Required hours: 1.5.

Next Meeting: October 23, 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.