



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2024

Online meeting

Executive Board Officers:

Present: E. Lardner, L. Propst, J. Fromm, D. Foster, C. Smith

Absent: M. Truza, S. Bolle

Committee Chairs:

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

Absent: J. Grissom, D. Brown, N. Schmid

Others Present:

Executive Board Officers Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Emily Lardner reported:

- E. Lardner noted that she hasn't paid for her conference ticket and will bring her check to the June General Meeting.
- E. Lardner will carefully review the MGSOC bylaws to determine if it is a conflict to have one person as treasurer and bookkeeper.
- E. Lardner will review the MGSOC bylaws for bylaw revision procedures.
- E. Lardner suggested that all the board members should review the bylaws.

SECRETARY:

Julie Fromm reported:

- **D. Foster made a motion to approve the March 18, 2024, MGSOC board meeting minutes with approved revisions. C. Smith seconded this motion. Motion carried.**
- J. Fromm noted that she will need additional time to send out the minutes and the to-do list.



FINANCE:

Dianah Foster reported:

- The 5/3 checking account and Flourish account balances were reported.
- D. Foster volunteered to act as bookkeeper for the MSGOC in addition to her role as treasurer to lower expenses.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

Sally Bolle Absent:

- Nothing new to report.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT:

Craig Smith reported:

- C. Smith talked about the Smart Gardening Program and agreed to be the warmup speaker at the MGSOC June general meeting. C. Roney agreed to help.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2024 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- B. Peters reported on the conference wrap up meeting scheduled as a dinner for next week.
- B. Peters received 103 conference evaluations out of 220 attendees.
- B. Peters talked about the possibilities for future location for the 2025 conference. The Oakland Expo was looked at. C. Smith mentioned looking at community colleges. B. Peters will contact Oakland Community College.
- Everyone congratulated Betty on our successful conference and the complimentary write up in the Oakland Gardner.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent:

- Nothing new to report.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- K. Sobanski will not be attending the August general meeting and will need someone to coordinate the snacks.
- K. Sobanski talked about having a potluck for the July general meeting. We need to confirm if we can have members arrive at 5:30. We can use the outlets for crockpots.

DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom absent:

- Nothing new to report.



EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- A. Koran talked about upcoming speakers.
- A. Koran agreed to ask a couple of questions for the June MGSOC general meeting ice breaker; what would you most want to learn from our speakers and where else do you get your gardening education.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:

- J. Bird reported that we should have up to 85 to 90 members in the society.
- J. Bird is working on the directory this month and is hoping to get it out by the month's end.
- We will resume charging guest fees at the general meetings.
- E. Lardner talked about ways to increase our membership numbers, especially with the reduction in new Master Gardener numbers and Master Gardener recertifications. The discussion of changing our bylaws to allow alumni memberships has been tabled for later this year.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:

- Nothing new to report.

BOWERS FARM:

Nancy Schmid absent:

- C. Roney reported on the native plant sale and updated on garden work at Bowers Farm. C. Roney agreed to water on Tuesdays until they get a volunteer.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Julie Fromm reported:

- Nothing new to report.

TRIPS & TOURS:

Chair to be determined:

- 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 7:30 p.m.

Required hours: 1.50.

Next Meeting: August 19, 2024, 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.