



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: September 09, 2024

Online meeting

Executive Board Officers:

Present: E. Lardner, J. Fromm, D. Foster, C. Smith, S. Bolle, M. Truza

Absent: L. Propst

Committee Chairs:

Present: B. Peters, J. Bird, K. Sobanski, C. Roney, N. Schmid

Absent: J. Grissom, D. Brown, A. Koran, C. Roney

Others Present:

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Emily Lardner reported:

- E. Lardner reported that there is not a conflict with having the MGSOC treasurer be the MGSOC bookkeeper simultaneously. D. Foster agreed to act as MGSOC treasurer and bookkeeper and stated that she is capable in both roles.
- **J. Bird made a motion to discontinue using an outside source for bookkeeping and include this role in conjunction with the MGSOC treasure's role. The treasurer will continue to work with our accountant. E. Lardner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**
- E. Lardner talked about the requirements to amend the bylaws.
- E. Lardner asked S. Bolle if she would send out the general meeting info the day before and the week before each general meeting. S. Bolle agreed to this request.
- E. Lardner announced that Melanie Fuhrmann is the new Consumer Educator, and she will be attending our September General Membership meeting.
- E. Lardner will not ask an icebreaker question at the September general meeting; instead, she will be sharing her question findings.
- E. Lardner would like to move the 2025 MGSOC board meetings from the 3rd Mondays to the 1st Mondays of meeting months. This conversation is tabled until more information and dates are available.



- C. Roney will bring a sympathy card to the general membership meeting for members to sign for the passing of J. Grissom’s husband Doug and suggested everyone send condolences to Janie in a show of our love and support. S. Bolle will be sending out details once she gets them.

SECRETARY:

Julie Fromm reported:

- **S. Bolle made a motion to approve the May 20, 2024, MGSOC board meeting minutes. D. Foster seconded this motion. Motion carried.**

FINANCE:

Dianah Foster reported:

- The 5/3 checking account and Flourish account balances were reported.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

Sally Bolle reported:

- Nothing new to report.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT:

Craig Smith reported:

- C. Smith talked about fundraising for MGSOC and ideas about bringing back the silent auction as a large society event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- B. Peters reported on the raffle expenses for our 2024 conference.
- **B. Peters made a motion to reimburse J. Grissom for her 2024 conference expenses. Seconded by J. Fromm and the motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Peters will send a check request to D. Foster.
- B. Peters agreed to chair the 2025 MG Conference, and all agreed with big applause.
- The location of the conference will probably be Oakland University at their Oakland Center. They are holding the date of April 26, 2025 for us. M. Truza asked to be included in the group going to assess the venue in the next couple of weeks.
- There are two tentative speakers lined up.
- B. Peters asked to have a brief announcement at Wednesday’s meeting regarding volunteers for the conference committee.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent:



- N. Schmid reported on merchandise sold at the MG Conference. D. Brown needs to calculate the profit number.
- E. Lardner will contact D. Brown to discuss the future of selling merchandise and her role as chairperson.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- K. Sobanski talked about food for the upcoming potluck meeting.

DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom absent:

- Nothing new to report.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran absent:

- Nothing new to report.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:

- J. Bird reported that elections are coming up. The positions of 1st vice president and recording secretary are up for reelection. J. Bird will send out an eblast to the membership.
- J. Fromm is running for recording secretary again.
- C. Smith is running for the 1st vice president position.
- We have 82 members.
- There was discussion about MSUE and the fact that they have changed their MG Program hence we may need to change our membership bylaws to reflect these changes.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney absent:

- Nothing new to report.

BOWERS FARM:

Nancy Schmid reported:

- N. Schmid reported on Bowers Farm joining The American Horticultural Society.
- The fall festival is coming up and they will need cider press volunteers again.
- There were two new gardens put in this year. E. Lardner suggested having a summer general meeting at Bowers Farm next year.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Julie Fromm reported:



- Nothing new to report.

TRIPS & TOURS:

Chair to be determined:

- Nothing new to report.

Marketing & Communications:

Sally Bolle reported:

- S. Bolle reported on the October 3, 2024 special event at Piechniks:
 - Julia Hofley will be speaking (Piechnik's is donating a \$250.00 gift card as a speaker fee).
 - N. Schmid will be honored.
 - Attendant discount on Piechniks purchases still needs to be determined.
 - MGSOC will pay for the chair rental.
 - The Hardy Plant Society will be included in the event.
 - J. Bird will be taking RSVP numbers.
 - D. Foster will pay for the donuts and cider and C. Smith will organize ordering the donuts from Goodison Cider Mill for pick up.
 - S. Bolle will send out an event eblast.
- S. Bolle is updating the website with fall photos.
- S. Bolle talked about the feedback from her recent membership eblasts.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business.

Motion: Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Required hours: 1.50.

Next Meeting: October 21, 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.