



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2024

Online meeting

Executive Board Officers:

Present: E. Lardner, J. Fromm, C. Smith, S. Bolle

Absent: D. Foster, M. Truza

Committee Chairs:

Present: B. Peters, K. Sobanski, C. Roney, N. Schmid, A. Koran

Absent: J. Grissom, D. Brown, J. Bird, L. Propst

Others Present:

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Emily Lardner reported:

- E. Lardner talked about having an MGSOC alumni membership. E. Lardner will discuss this idea at the November general MGSOC membership meeting with a tentative vote in January 2025.
- C. Smith discussed the MSUE emeritus requirements, and the different paths uncertified past MGs can take with MSUE to get recertified. E. Lardner asked if J. Bird could find out if emeritus MGSOC members pay MGSOC dues.
- E. Lardner talked about our MGSOC merchandise inventory. She will contact D. Brown to determine a reduction in pricing and to schedule sales dates including the upcoming MGSOC holiday potluck dinner.
- E. Lardner led a discussion on changing the MGSOC board meeting dates to be closer to the general meetings. **S. Bolle made a motion to change the MGSOC board meetings to the first Monday of the month. C. Smith seconded all agreed and the motion passed unanimously.**
- N. Schmid noted that Piechniks offers all MGs a 15% discount on all plant materials.
- E. Lardner asked A. Koran and S. Bolle to compile a list of the 2024 MGSOC speakers and the educational hours prospectively. E. Lardner will ask at the November general meeting if any members have this information.



- E. Lardner will sign a new 2025 contract with Rochester Community House, excluding the months of May, August and additional space for December and she will clarify what space we have for this December's potluck.
- S. Bolle and C. Smith agreed to head up the 2025 MGSOC silent auction that would be held next December at the Rochester Community House. C. Smith agreed to make an announcement at the December potluck.

SECRETARY:

Julie Fromm reported:

- **C. Smith made a motion to approve the September 09, 2024, MGSOC board meeting minutes. B. Peters seconded this motion. Motion carried.**
- J. Fromm will send S. Bolle all the 2024 web version minutes for posting on the MGSOC website.

FINANCE:

Dianah Foster absent with report:

- Reported the 5/3 checking and primary elite account balances and total cash available.
- Reported the Flourish account balance and ITD interest and YTD interest.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

Sally Bolle reported:

- Nothing new to report.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT:

Craig Smith reported:

- C. Smith talked about ideas for a silent auction.
- C. Smith agreed to head up the MGSOC silent auction for 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2025

MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- B. Peters reported on the conference meeting from the week before:
 1. The team took a tour of the new location which may require location signage to help attendees locate the conference areas.
 2. The room configuration is being worked out.
 3. April 26, 2025 is the conference date.
 4. The team is finalizing conference speakers.



FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent:

1. Nothing new to report.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

2. K. Sobanski talked about ideas for the MGSOC December potluck:
 - K. Sobanski suggested doing donated gift baskets for raffling/drawing off including a basket with our MGSOC merchandise.
 - K. Sobanski also suggested a Door prize with possibly an item from merchandise.
 - K. Sobanski will email J. Grissom to see if she would be able to help put together something.
 - K. Sobanski will speak at the November general meeting about the potluck plans and ask for volunteers and food sign up.
 - S. Bolle will send out an eblast once plans are set.
 - B. Peters will see if she has a large coffee maker.
 - S. Bolle will see if a keyboard player is available for an hour for carol singing.

DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom absent:

- Nothing new to report.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- A. Koran will send S. Bolle the 2025 MGSOC speaker list to date.
- A. Koran has all but 3 speaker spots filled for 2025.
- K. Sobanski suggested we eliminate a summer month meeting due to low attendance. E. Lardner suggested we hold our August meeting at Bowers Farm for a tour and a brief speaker. A. Koran will follow up on this.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird absent:

- Election results to be given at the November MGSOC general meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:

- C. Roney will send a thank you note to Piechniks.



BOWERS FARM:

Nancy Schmid reported:

- N. Schmid talked about fundraising ideas with a bare root plant sale with Walters for MGSOC. Potentially at Bowers Farm parking lot.

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 is updating the website with fall photos.
- S. Bolle reported on the Piechnik's event.
- S. Bolle continues with all her behind-the-scenes tasks.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business.

Motion: Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Required hours: 1.50.

Next Meeting: November 18, 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.