



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: March 03, 2025

Online meeting

Executive Board Officers:

Present: E. Lardner, C. Smith, S. Bolle, M. Truza, L. Propst, D. Foster

Absent: J. Fromm

Committee Chairs:

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

Absent: D. Brown, N. Schmid

Others Present:

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Emily Lardner reported:

- E. Lardner asked everyone to save the zoom link for all future MGSOC board meetings.
- E. Lardner discussed the budget meeting.
- E. Lardner talked about merchandising and inventory storage. D. Foster offered to store merchandise at her home to save on storage fees. M. Truza asked if we have an up-to-date inventory list and suggested that all MGSOC society members wear our merchandise with our logo for recognition.
- E. Lardner is planning to talk about extending our membership requirements at the March general meeting.
- E. Lardner talked about her meeting with Stephanie at MMGA. She will be scheduling a presentation meeting with them to present the program to the board members. The MMGA insurance documentation will be emailed to D. Foster for review.
- E. Lardner talked about the business agenda for the March general meeting.
- E. Lardner expressed concern over the refusal from Rebecca Finerran (MSUe) to allow MSOC conference postcards to be distributed at the Smart Gardening Conference.

SECRETARY:

Julie Fromm absent with report:



- **S. Bolle made a motion to approve the January 13, 2025, MGSOC board meeting minutes with revisions. B. Peters seconded this motion. Motion carried.**
- **E. Lardner made a motion to approve the February 3, 2025 MGSOC budget meeting minutes. S. Bolly seconded this motion. Motion carried.**

FINANCE:

Dianah Foster reported:

- The 5/3 checking account balances and Flourish account balance were reported.
- **C. Smith made a motion to approve the MGSOC 2025 budget. B. Peters seconded. Motion carried.**

1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

Craig Smith reported:

- C. Smith gave a summary of his calls to former MGSOC members and was surprised to find that most have left the membership due to access to educational hours elsewhere.
- C. Smith reported on the Troy Community Center as a possible new MGSOC meeting location. The cost is \$120.00 per meeting date with the capacity of 75 to 90 people. He is looking into a potential discount.
- C. Smith agreed to plan a social event this summer and chair the December Gardener's Gala.
- C. Smith mentioned that the MG of the year plaques were found and will be hung in the extension office and that MSUE will be restarting this program. S. Bolle asked if we could show them at an MGSOC general membership meeting.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT:

Sally Bolle reported:

- Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2025 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- B. Peters reported that they have sold 159 tickets (we need to sell at least 300 tickets to break even) and that the contract with Oakland University has been signed and a deposit has been made.
- B. Peters has received the raffle license ticket.
- There is a sign-up genie for conference volunteers and E. Lardner will make a QR code for this link.
- The script is being worked on now.



FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent with report:

- D. Brown will be available to sell merchandise at the MGSOC 2025 conference and agreed to help with the silent auction.
- D. Brown is selling merchandise at the April Jackson County conference. She will be reaching out to Genessee County.
- D. Brown will be moving all MGSOC merchandise to her home.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- K. Sobanski asked if S. Bolle could remind members to bring snacks to the next general meeting.

DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom reported:

- J Grissom talked about a possible table to sell her inventory at the MGSOC 2025 conference. B. Peters will bring this up to the conference committee.
- A possible garage sale idea was mentioned to be held at one of the general membership meetings.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- A. Koran asked about the future meeting dates.
- **E. Lardner made a motion to move the 2026 MGSOC general membership meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. D. Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:

- J. Bird will contact members who indicated they were interested in volunteering with the membership and greeting table.
- C. Roney agreed to work with J. Bird to help with membership.
- J. Bird is working on the new membership list.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:

- Nothing new to report.

BOWERS FARM:

Nancy Schmid absent:

- C. Roney reported the information for the plant sale was sent out today by MGSOC eblast and a link can be found on the Bowers farm website.



- C. Roney noted that the Wednesday team leaders have begun designing the replacement garden west of the gazebo.
- C. Roney reported that the Wednesday and Saturday team leaders are meeting on Friday to discuss all 2025 gardens.
- C. Roney reported that the demolition of the walkway will start on March 10th for the new MG storage shed and they are working on a joint program that will be presented at all the open barns.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Julie Fromm absent:

- Nothing new to report.

TRIPS & TOURS:

Chair to be determined:

- Nothing new to report.

Marketing & Communications:

Sally Bolle reported:

- S. Bolle has been busy working on the marketing materials for the MGSOC 2025 conference and uploading all her past marketing materials to the google drive.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business.

Motion: Adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Required hours: 1.50.

Next Meeting: June 02, 2025, 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.