



**Board Meeting Minutes March 3, 2026**

<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD</b>					
Craig Smith, President	√			Sally Bolle, Vice President	√
Steve Smith, Secretary	√			Dianah Foster, Treasurer	√
<b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b>					
Julie Bird	√	Denise Brown		Karol Carter	
Janie Grissom		Amanda Koran	√	Betty Peters	√
Cecily Roney		Nancy Schmid	√	Kathy Sobanski	√
<b>GUESTS:</b>					

<b>Subject</b>		<b>Action</b>
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<b>A.</b>	<b>Approval of Previous minutes</b>	Minutes from January 06, 2026 were approved electronically and posted to MGSOC Website	
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<b>B.</b>	<b>Call to Order &amp; Conflict of Interest Review</b>	President Craig Smith called the meeting to order at 18:01 No one mentioned any changes to Conflict of Interest	
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C. Board Reports		
President	Craig noted that the newly reorganized annual awards will be given out at next week's General Meeting. He continues working with Telly's on the Garage Sale in June and plans for Hana's Garden. He is working with Troy Community Center on the meeting room lights, trying to dim the front rows to enhance the slide viewing. Craig asked if Tuesday works for the Board meeting, several members noted no one day will be perfect for everyone and just continue with the first Tuesday for the time being.	
Vice President	Sally noted that we would be reprinting 350 cookbooks and will sell at the Annual Conference in April.	
Treasurer	Dianah reported just over \$40K in all accounts, a major portion with membership renewals and Conference registrations. The 2026 Annual Budget is almost complete (waiting for a couple other items).	<b>Dianah to email final budget for email approval</b>
Secretary	We will continue to email approve Board meeting minutes to facilitate faster posting on the website. The updated bylaws have been posted on MGSOC website. The criteria for our two awards have been posted to the MGSOC website. Steve has been working on G.Drive securities, and asked that everyone sign onto the G.Drive and make sure they can get to every folder. If we can't fix these security issues (need original password), Steve will create a new drive and attempt to move everything over.	<b>Steve to email hyperlink to G.Drive for all Board members to check their access</b>

D. Committee Reports		
Conference	Betty reported that things are coming together for the conference. 182 tickets have been purchased (we were just over 150 at this time last year). Many reminder cards have been distributed to local businesses, please bring any extra to the March General Meeting. First draft of Conference Script has been sent to committee members for proofing. There are still some slots for conference volunteers, please encourage members to sign up.	
Bowers Farm Teams	Nancy reported that the Appreciation Brunch will be 03-21-2026 from 1100-1300, she will send out RSVP hyperlink. Paul and Sharon will speak on what's happening at the Farm. The Farm is currently closed for winter and will reopen in April. A recruiting event will be held 3-26-26 from 1800-1900 will be held at the Farm. Transition of operational oversight from Bloomfield Schools to Oakland County Parks will occur at the end of April 2026. Nancy noted that the students will have	<b>Nancy will send RSVP hyperlink for Appreciation Brunch</b>

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	a Wool Project poster as well as selling wool at our upcoming Educational Conference. We are exploring a MGSOC meeting and picnic in July at the Farm, we would need to move our Scheduled speaker for the July meeting. Construction on the Claudia Bowers Memorial Garden has started, Sue Grubba has graciously offered to help with design details. The PAR Garden is moving into the Community Garden to streamline oversight and volunteers.	
Corresponding Secretary	No report	
Door Prize & Raffle	No report	
Fundraising	No report	
Hospitality	Nothing to report, Kathy noted things are going well.	
Greeters	No report	
Marketing / Communication	No report	
Membership / Elections	Julie noted that 69 members have renewed for 2026 (ahead of last year), she asked Craig if Melanie Fuhrmann could send invitation to new MG trainees. We got a handful of new members from this in 2025	<b>Craig will ask Melanie to send MGSOC invite</b>
Merchandising	It was noted that we've only received \$70 this year from merchandising and despite frequent attempts it has been difficult to contact Denise. We would like to have merchandise available at our MGSOC General Meetings and at other popular MG events throughout the state, yet concerns were raised about her unresponsiveness. Our last inventory of items was valued over \$1000. We need to determine if additional help is needed.	<b>Discuss solutions for moving forward at May Board Meeting</b>

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Programs / Zoom Coordinator	Amanda reported that Mark Covington from the Georgia Street Community Collective, a 13-lot urban farm and community center providing fresh food, youth mentorship and other essential services to the City Airport neighborhood. Mark will be discussing sustainable fruit and vegetable gardening practices used at the GSCC.	
Trip and Tours	No report	

E. Old Business		
	Nothing to report	

F. New Business		
	Nothing to report	

G. Adjournment / Next Meeting		
	<p><b>Adjourned: 17:01 Next meeting: May 5, 2026</b></p> <p><b>Volunteer hours: 1.0</b></p> <p><b>Future Meetings: May 5, Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3. No routine meetings are scheduled during the summer months</b></p>	<p>Future meetings will be conducted via Zoom and start at 18:00</p>

All reports are available from the Secretary. Requests must be made in writing. These minutes will be posted on our website, [www.mgsoc.org](http://www.mgsoc.org) but without financial information. They may also be edited for content.