



Board Meeting Minutes May 5, 2026

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

Subject		Action
A.	Approval of Previous minutes	Minutes from March 3, 2026 were approved electronically and have been posted to MGSOC Website No further action needed
B.	Call to Order & Conflict of Interest Review	President Craig Smith called the meeting to order at 18:01 No one mentioned any changes to Conflict of Interest
C.	Board Reports	
	President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bowers Farm: MGSOC will no longer be reimbursing individual receipts from our operational funds. To maintain compliance with non-profit regulations, a grant will be requested by Bowers for review and approval by the Board. All disbursements will be made by Bowers with the grant money.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merchandise: Making arrangements to pick up remaining MG merchandise as Denise Brown no longer wishes to coordinate. Will inventory and sell remaining items as we move toward an online store. Hana's Garden: Workday set for 5-7 to tidy up and spread compost. A remembrance ceremony is set for late May. Cookbooks: Still have several cookbooks, should we explore Amazon small business to set up a store. We may be able to sell other items on Amazon also. Craig asked Steve to investigate requirements for Amazon small business stores. 	Steve will look into Amazon requirements
Vice President	Nothing to report	
Treasurer	Dianah reported monies from the Conference are coming in, expenses for the conference need to be tallied and paid before final profit is determined. Please contact Dianah directly for more detailed information	
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoom account is now in MGSOCMIBOARD name instead of personal account. Steve and Dianah to arrange annual credit card payment. A reminder to upload documents to Google Drive, Steve has arranged in-person training sessions for a couple of members to learn how to use Google Drive. Please let him know if you're having issues getting into the Drive or would like a training session. Moving merchandise to on-line store: Reviewed a couple of sites, need to work with Sally about logos/branding & with Dianah with non-profit tax exemption information as we set up the store. Steve asked those in attendance to send him ideas of the types of items they think people would like. 	Steve will report back to Board with on-going process
D.	Committee Reports	
Conference	Betty reported a successful conference with 280 participants. It was noted we made \$2244 in the grand raffle (great job Janie). So far we have received 111 evaluations, approximately 33% response which is a good rate. However, several of those on the call mentioned they had not seen an email evaluation request. Betty will ask EventBrite to push out one more time. A wrap-up dinner will be held sometime in late May or June to finalize the Conference report. After discussion, it was determined that the last Saturday in April 2027 is probably the best date and we would like to return to Oakland University venue.	Betty will provide the final 2026 Conference report to the Board once all receipts are in.

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Bowers Farm Teams	<p>Nancy reported on several initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wool Project: made \$205 for bags sold at All That Jazz • Claudia Bowers Garden: planting is underway, dedication is June 30, 2026 from 11:00-13:00 • Butterfly Garden: looking at purchasing a bench, kaleidoscope is ready for delivery • Barton Farmhouse Garden: Preservation Bloomfield will be helping around this garden • Native Plant Sale: Last day for on-line order is 5-28-26. Pickup at Farm on June 6, 2006 from 10:00 - 14:00 • We have 9 new volunteers at Bowers !! 	
Corresponding Secretary	No report	
Door Prize & Raffle	No report	
Fundraising	No report	
Hospitality	Nothing to report	
Greeters	No report	
Marketing / Communication	Sally reported that the website has been updated with pictures from All That Jazz Conference 2026. She will reach out to Nancy to update the Bowers Farm information as Oakland County continues moving forward with the purchase of the Farm	Sally to work with Nancy
Membership / Elections	No report	
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 \$8000. We need to determine if additional help is needed.	

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	Programs / Zoom Coordinator	MGSOCMIBOARD now has ownership of the Society's Zoom Account. Amanda will terminate her contract with Zoom in early June. Steve and Dianah will update Zoom to an annual payment starting with June 2026. If anyone has suggestions for local speakers, please contact Amanda.
	Trip and Tours	No report
E.	Old Business	
		Nothing to report
F.	New Business	
		It was suggested that we start a Photo Contest for members. Photos could be submitted online and judged by the Board, winner could be announced when other awards are given in March
G.	Adjournment / Next Meeting	<p>Adjourned: 19:50 Next Board meeting: September 1, 2026</p> <p>HAPPY SUMMER!! Volunteer hours: 2.0</p> <p>Future Meetings: Oct 6, Nov 3. No routine Board meetings are scheduled during the summer months</p>
		Future meetings will be conducted via Zoom and start at 18:00

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