



MGSOC General Meeting, Troy Community Center: 07-14-2026

Business Meeting:

President Craig Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and welcomed everyone, including a returning member, Dorothy McClaren . He then introduced Janet Macunovich who related the passing of former member, Diana McCrudden.

President's Report (Craig Smith):

- Craig noted that MGSOC is assisting Hana's Garden with renovations. The site is an approved MSUE site #4878 to obtain MG volunteer hours. We are looking for a Garden Leader to help coordinate MSUE and MGSOC activities at the site. Contact Craig if you are interested or have questions.
- MSUE EMG Appreciation dinner is **August 13 at Glen Oaks Country Club**, 30500 13 Mile Road, Farmington, MI. Please register at: [Oakland County Extension Master Gardener Recognition Dinner](#) by August 2.
- MGSOC Garage Sale will be July 17 & 18 at Telly's, 10a-7m both days. We could still use volunteers to help fill out the shifts. Reach out to Dianah if you can volunteer.
- The Board has awarded a \$2000 grant to Bowers Farm for gardening supplies and other garden maintenance expenses. Additionally, a \$1000 grant was awarded to the Ferndale Community Garden Club \$1000 for community garden renovations and infrastructure improvement. The Board is currently considering a \$500 grant to Mark Covington (our March speaker) for the Georgia Street Community Collective Urban Farm. Craig reminded members that we are looking to fund new Foundations of Gardening (FOG) students if they volunteer 20 hours at MGSOC projects.

Vice-President's Report (Sally Bolle): No report.

Treasurer's Report (Dianah Foster): No report.

Secretary's Report (Steve Smith): No report.

Educational Conference (Betty Peters): Final expenses have been tallied and we made \$5200 from the conference. Betty asked for a couple new leads for Door Prizes and Advance Registration-Eventbrite coordination. Next year's conference is scheduled for April 24, 2027 and most likely will be held at the same place, Oakland University.

Membership (Julie Bird): No report, but we are now at 86 members!

Hospitality (Kathy Sobanski): Sign up sheet is being passed around. As always, please remember to email Kathy SobanskiK@yahoo.com if you are bringing food to our meeting.

Corresponding Secretary (Cecily Roney): No report

Bowers Farm (Nancy Schmid): No report

MSU Extension Report (Melanie Fuhrmann): No report. Melanie's contact info: furhma19@msu.edu Sherry Riedel's contact info: riedels2@msu.edu

Meeting ended at 7:00pm

PRESENTATION: Amanda Koran introduced Melanie Fuhrmann who spoke on the "Cut Flower Gardening 101: How to Grow Beautiful Blooms at Home"



WELCOME NEW and RENEWING MEMBERS:

● We are now 86 members strong ●

IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

July 17 & 18, 2026: Joint Oakland-Macomb Master Gardener Garage Sale at Telly's Greenhouse, Troy
August 13, 2026: MSUE EMG Banquet at Glen Oak Country Club, Farmington Hills.

Submitted, Steve Smith, MGSOC Secretary