

MGANM

Oct 6, 2015, 6 pm

MGANM Board Meeting: Left Foot Charley, Traverse City

Present:

Sara Sokolnicki (Treasurer), Whitney Miller (Communications Chair), Cheryl Gross (Real Dirt Chair), Elise Carolan (MSUE Liaison), Marina Deering, Evelyn Laman, Judy Reich, Rebecca Carmien, Glynis Waycaster, Michele Worden

Elise & Sara called the meeting to order at 6pm

1. Welcome & Brainstorm activity for Programming Ideas in 2016
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Sara - could you add this?
 - b. Discussion to lower dues, result is to keep them the same for 2016
 - c. MGANM Budget for 2016
3. Secretary's Report
4. Coordinator's Report
 - a. Recognition Luncheon Questions
 - i. Caterer - Going to stick with Grandview
 - ii. Special Invites and Comp. Meals
5. MG Volunteer Recognition Luncheon update
 - a. Rebecca Carmien to lead set-up decorating committee
 - b. Evie and Glynis to serve on the decorating committee
 - c. Sara/Marina to look into favors
 - d. Elise to work on door prizes
6. MGANM/BG Liaison's Report
7. Old Business
 - a. GTCD/MGANM green roof (funding and installation)
8. New Business
 - a. MGANM Board meeting schedule for 2016
 - i. Alternate months of general member/educational events?
 1. Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/
 - b. Recruitment for new MGANM officers/board members
 - i. Pres - Michele Worden

- ii. VP - Cheryl Gross
- iii. Sec - Judy Reich
- iv. Treasurer - Glynis Waycaster
- v. Communications - Whitney Miller
- vi. RD chair - Cheryl Gross

c. MGANM Events for 2016

- i. Overall goal is to do less events with a bigger impact and better marketing
- ii. Shooting for 5-6 educational events, alternating w/ RD publications
 - 1. Rough outline of Brainstorm Ideas & Tentative Schedule
 - a. February: Shoreline/Rain Garden/Watershed Center
 - b. April: Propagation
 - i. Roberta Dow would be willing/interested to teach and work from manual :)
 - c. June: EMG Home (/other) Garden Tour
 - i. Liz Clous :-)
 - d. July: Butterfly House tour
 - e. Aug: EMG Food Garden Tours
 - i. Archangel Gabriel Greek Orthodox Church
 - ii. SEEDS Garden (Mike Davis' demo garden was absorbed by this)
 - iii. Leelanau Community Garden
 - f. Oct/Other Ideas:
 - i. Herbs - Julie
 - ii. Irrigation workshop
 - iii. Food Garden / Edible Landscape
 - iv. Permaculture
 - v. Square Foot Gardening
 - g. EMG Recognition/Sharing/Inspiration Luncheon
 - i. This event would make more sense to take place in Feb. every year after certification and recertification has closed...
 - 2. **One note was made about wanting more communication about what's going on.
 - a. Elise found the old template for the bookmark with the year's events.