

MGANM112013

Present:

Terry Harding
Sarah Schmuldt
Marina Deering
Whitney Miller
Matt Bertrand
Misty Sheehan

Meeting was opened at 5:58 PM by Matt

Treasurer's report

71 members for 2013

\$3221. 21 is in the Treasury including membership renewals and banquet payments.

There are 36 renewals and new members for next year.

In order to improve attendance, Matt has encouraged new students to come to MG meetings.

Whitney wants a sheet of current MGers so she can keep current on sending the newsletter to them.

The Budget for next year will be ready at the December Board meeting.

Marina wants \$1000 put as a budget item for use of credit at Opera house..

Secretary's report

Approved as read

Coordinator's Report

MSU is developing a plan for Master Gardeners.

Matt's role: tighter with association than Pam, therefore wants more dialogue from the MGANM as to what can be done.

1. The digital map of community gardens approved.

2. Food, Security, and Hunger

Green gardens series in the past twelve or so activities March-May had small attendance –wants to change to one activity “Let's get Gardening” with speakers

Community Gardens Audience: new gardeners or those who want a new community

Marina- Jason Jones director of GT recreations will set aside parkland for community gardens. **MARINA** will talk with him. Leelanau needs more people to work in their community garden.

2. Environmental

Go Beyond Beauty Program

Will have a sale

3.All Areas

Matt suggested a new program: MG on your block – with a card to give neighbors – Matt wants to create tool for MGers to use – Matt will sanction someone getting hours for working with neighbors in each person's neighborhood.

This needs to be in the newsletter –**WHITNEY**

4.Youth Gardening

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5. Diagnostics – pass off to local nursery professionals, Matt wants to pass MG's role as diagnosticians on to these professionals and wants to work with local nurseries to allow them to do the diagnostics.

Whitney put on website which nurseries we are working with and what their specialty is.

6. Matt is trying to put together a MG training course March possibly in Traverse. If not, then is hopeful to arrange a September MG course in Traverse City.

It was suggested to use the new Botanic Garden space for the Master Gardener training.

Terry said that BG should not charge as long as MG remains an arm of BG. MARINA will check on it. It was agreed by all that it would be a great spot to have MG courses.

Terry mentioned a Gardening School from MI Gardeners and wants to utilize this.

Unfinished business

Schedule for 2014

For MG meetings, association members don't have to pay, but guests and interested people from the community who are not MGers will have to pay to attend the meetings
Jan 7 -- Duke Elsner at Nature Center – [Marina says we need to check on the agreement with the Nature Center. WHITNEY will do that. MATT will give Whitney a copy of the agreement to include] (11/29 Whitney has contacted the BGNC and will change our agreement with them to begin January)

[Whitney wants to include this as her communications position]

Duke should get info three weeks in advance and WHITNEY will get the

Press releases out. MATT will get her a template.

Feb 4 – Composting (11/29 Marina contacted American Waste and we will meet at 6:00 there, dressing warmly and wearing sturdy shoes)

March 4–SARAH will contact “rent a chicken” lady

April 1– Mike Davis will speak on Composting (confirmed 11/25 Matt)

May 6 MATT will contact regarding speaking this day ClayBowers

June 3

July 1 - July 18 is next Friendly Garden club walk – do we want to make that our meeting?

Aug 5

Sept 2 Shrub Prunings? Sarah will call.

Oct 7

Nov 4 Dinner next year and different caterer

People needed for next year:

Still need President and events

Next meeting will be:

Dec 18 6:00 Marina's

1231 Millikan drive

49680

second house from center

392 4222 – board and Christine and Ruth

Misty – salad

Marina – veggie lasagna

Whitney – dessert – chocolate éclair cake

Sarah – fruit and cheese plate

Matt – bread

Terry – wine

Respectly submitted.

Misty Sheehan