

MGANM

Secretary's Report

April 16, 2014

Attachments: Treasurer's report; draft budget

Mike Davis [REDACTED]

TC 49684 – thank you for contribution for scholarships

Present : Sarah, Matt, Terri, Whitney, Liz

Liz called meeting to order at 6:00. Mariana in Grand Rapids

Treasurer's Report

Income is \$155 from Membership and \$105 from donations at Feb MG meeting
Expenses \$150 for speaker honorariums, 37.99 for dues, and 23.67 for supplies

\$3236.82 in bank

as of Apr 5th 55 paid members

Treasurer's report is accepted

Secretary's Report

Sarah motion to accept minutes

Terri second

Coordinator's Report

- Education at MSU has been most of his time this month
- National Builder vs Word Press still exploratory
- Master Gardner on your Block – committee formed to set up a brochure for MGs to take around their neighborhood. Questions about size, format, information. Board liked the business card style.
- Diagnostic clinic – only one response so far. Training with Duke 10-2 on Wednesdays
- September class – possible 3 different locations holding class at same time; Speaker changes each week. MSU is still looking at the best situation for new MGers

Advisory Board Reports

- Youth Gardening (Sue) unable to be there.

Sue works with Lilly on Jr. Master Gardeners

Youth Gardening segment is active

- Community Quality of Life

Jr MG class July 14-18th at Botanic Center – Karen McClaunsky

Apr- Nov many educational events occurring at Botanical Center

Ms Barresi will speak Apr 30 -- \$20 for \$15 if Botanic Garden – on

body coordination

- Matt wants to remind on May 4th expo – need volunteers – 2 hour shifts
Joint with Botanical Garden. Matt will call for volunteers
- Whitney on Communications reported that some of the articles are also being published in the Benzie network. Matt is looking also at the Record Eagle

General Meetings are at 6:00 pot luck

And 6:30 for MG meeting

We need to up a time in meetings where advisory peoples can meet.

New Business

- November Recognition Dinner – Matt wants date and subcommittee to plan
How about a Saturday potluck? Whitney likes it a “nicer” show but likes the weekend. Nov 8th or Nov 9th at 1:00 PM – this would be November meeting as well
- Events Projects committee postponed
- Whitney suggested looking at tshirts, sweatshirts, etc. Matt said we need new mugs also – Whitney will give update next month.
- Chicken event
Terri said Botanic Garden thought it was a good idea
Draft budget \$2750.00
Options for potential sponsors available
Jessie Bloom is suggested as the national speaker – *Free Range Chicken Gardens*
Sat, Sept 27th? Or Sat Oct 4th or Oct 11th
Title: Chickens at the Opera House
Matt with contact her and the Opera House
Take in chicken jokes from kids
Raffles?
Need committee to work on this

Old Business

Renewal /re-certification

People want to know why they have to pay to volunteer

Matt member of committee that is planning free events for volunteers

Matt is looking at possibilities

Can we have a Master Gardener at major garden center to aid the public in choosing proper vegetation?

then can the organization pay the MG association a certain amount suggested by Liz.

MG at Parade of Homes? Cherry Festival? Liz will call on this.

Trip for Master Gardeners?

Possibly down and back to E. Lansing – Gail Meison about May or June for next year

Put in the minutes some ways to do things so it is available for the next. Use colors as keys?

Save the agenda and minutes on the website

Terri – plant sale May 9th and 10th low prices at United Methodist Church

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Next meeting 6:00 May 21, 2014@Horizon