

MGANM
July 16, 2014
Board Meeting

Present: Marina, Matt, Whitney Lindy Barnes (MG Trainee), Liz, Terri, Patrick Cudney (District Coordinator MSU Extension)

Liz called the meeting to order 6:05 PM.

Treasurers report

60 members now
bank balance \$3544.16
Liz accepts the budget as read

Secretary's report

The blank line on the last minutes was "school outreach"
Whitney, Terri motioned for approval; it was approved

Coordinator's Report

1. Patrick's report from MSU Extension

Matthew and his position is an important and active part of his MSU Coordinator's position

A. Applications for Matthew's position are closed; there are 7 applicants

Marina will be on the committee representing MGANM

In the hiring process the committee will look for minimum qualifications first then will judge candidates for interviews. MSU Extension wants to grow Matt's position; The goal is to make the position full time starting Jan 1. MSU Extension wants the position filled as quickly as possible but it will not be before Matt leaves.

Rebecca and Mary will fill in for Matt. The goal is to have a new hire on Sept 1.

B. Pat passed around a new booklet on information for MSU Extension

C. Misty asked if the Extension would provide further and deeper education for master gardeners. Terri remarked that Michigan Garden Clubs is putting on a class on soils in the fall for people's more in-depth study beyond the MG course.

2. Matt

- Class for fall – working visually with Marquette – one half will be sent from Marquette and one half will be sent from TC
Lots of scholarship money is available – Aug 6th \$700 from us
People need to fill out both digital and hand written application
- Matt passed out Master Gardener on your Block cards
The role is to be positive and let people know how they can help and the hot

- line number. Matt will send out a notice out to others who don't want to walk around the block so that if a person's neighbor calls, Matt can give the person's contact number to a master gardener on his or her block
- We should be thinking for topics for meetings in the fall
DeYoung for raspberries June next year? Lindy will check
Whitney will check the Potter Farm for July
- We should also be thinking of new Board members
- Press releases on map of community gardens will come out within the week

Lindy

Proposing topics for late spring or early summer

Herbs – she has someone or Julie Krist is possible

Edible flowers – Jack Fisher?

Next summer she wants to bring herbs that have been grown to these workshops..

Advisory reports

Marina noted that Sunday Aug 10 12-5 will be an open house at Botanic Gardens

Next wed Matt will speak at the BG's Visitor's Center from 7-9 Wed July 23

"Introduction to the MG course for Adults."

Botanic Garden Aug 11 presenter will speak on green roofs.

New Business

Develop a plan for MG meetings next year - we started this with Lindy

What Board Members are available coming up

President position open

Treasurer – Sarah

VP – Misty

Secretary position open

Marina liaison again

Liz – environmental group

Need food security person – Gary Michalek? Liz will check

Check Michigan Land Use Institute

Friday Night Live – they accepted our application – Liz is coordinating

Set up at 5--be ready at 5:30 – 9:00 pm. Please wear your name tag.

Table needs information about MG and need banner

Sarah has a table that can be used

We won't need to know until the day before where we should set up

Has to be something interactive.

Aug 8

- Unscramble 10 plant or insect names – need pencil paper monitor

Child word mixup and adult mixup

- Draw favorite flower, bird, etc with chalk - sidewalk chalk-field of Favorite flowers.

Aug 15-Water Cycle Boogie – on the water cycle

Need chalk

Soil seed baggie
microscopes
Aug 22 – favorite vegetable
Need chalk
Lettuce seeds
Plant a plant and take home

Chicken Event

Matt has a signature from the national speakers

The Opera House communications are fine, but we haven't signed yet

Marina said we can include the Botanic Garden as a sponsor

Whitney will round up sponsors

The next meeting for the Chicken at the Opera House event is Monday, July 21, 2014

The t-shirts are ready and will be \$12 each.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM