

MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN (MGANM)

Board Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**

June 18th, 2014

Horizon Books, Traverse City, MI

Present:

Liz Clous

Matthew Bertrand

Terry Harding

Marina Deering

Sue Sensenbaugh-Padgett

Sara Sokolnicki

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

Treasurer's Report

- 60 paid members for 2014
- \$3494.16 in the Treasury
- Budget to Actuals were reviewed

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Secretary Minutes

There was a correction to the May Minutes Old Business – should have been written to say “Someone in his office could organize the info.”

Terry Harding motioned to accept the Minutes with change. Marina Deering seconded the motion.

Coordinator's Report

- Several changes at MSU
 - MSU Extension director is leaving
 - Two top staff over MG were let go
- MG Course advertising has begun
 - August 28, 2014
 - Fee: \$300
- Scholarship application forms has been updated.
 - MSUE to match MG scholarship amounts
- Matthew is leaving, with an early August departure.
 - MSUE goal to make Matthews position Full Time
 - Matthew to recommend that a MG be on the hiring committee
 - Liz suggested Marina Deering be the MG rep on the hiring committee
 - Marina agreed to do it.
- Website is up and live with the Garden Map
- Matthew will continue to help with the Chickens event

Advisory Board Reports

Youth Gardening

- Sue Sensenbaugh-Padgett informed the board the Lillian Mahaney's husband is very ill.

- Sue has been substituting with the Jr. MG presentations. Sue would like to contact local libraries that have and do not have Children's gardens, looking for MG opportunities.
- Karen McClatchey is doing Jr. MG program at the Botanical Gardens July 14 – 18 (10:00am – noon daily). Fee \$50.00

Community Quality of Life

- A MG is needed to staff a Parks and Rec Health and Wellness themed table at the Cherry Festival July 6th or 7th at the Open Space to hand out brochures (no selling).
 - Sue and Liz volunteered
- Botanic Gardens will be hosting education events through the summer

Real Dirt/Website

- Looking to add better advertising opportunities
- Looking to add online membership/renewal capabilities
- Cheryl Gross has asked Matthew to write an article regarding "Paying to Volunteer"
- A suggestion for the Real Dirt was an Educational Opportunities section. Sue to bring it up with the RD committee

Events/Projects

- Recognition Lunch Committee
 - Matthew had one person respond to his request
 - Sue is interested and will contact Martha McPheters Ealy to see if she will help chair.
- Friendly Garden Club Walk – July 17
 - \$8.00 in advance
 - \$10.00 day of

Old Business



Chickens at the Opera House – October 19

- Committee: Joe Sarafa, Nancy Larsen, Ann Klein, Marina Deering, Whitney Miller, Matthew Bertrand and Sara Sokolnicki
- 3 Additional Committees needed for this event: Food & Beverage, Merchandising & _____
- Sara will let Joe know the MGANM Board supports the Heifer International – Flock of Chickens Gift Donation
- Fee Structure:
 - \$15.00 Adult
 - \$12 MG & BGS members
 - \$12 Students & Seniors
 - \$5 Children
- Renewal/Recertification
 - Matthew developing a survey regarding what would add value
 - State Wide Meeting – want to see consistency in volunteer hour reporting

- Would like to get back to the local level – our impact and presence in the Community
- T-Shirts – have been ordered
- Pursuing Friday Night Live participation approval
- Next MGANM Board Meeting
 - July 16th
 - 6:00pm
 - Left Foot Charlies

Adjourned 7:45pm