



Connecting a Community of Gardeners Through Learning

June 7th, 2016 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Attending: Michele Worden, Whitney Miller, Judy Reich, Sara Sokolniki, Jennifer Berkey, Ruth Steele-Walker, Nancy Denison, Cindy Sack, Joanne Johnsen, Bev Thompson, Martha Dively, Barb Solomonson, Sarah U'Ren

Business Meeting

Call to Order: 6:35 pm

President's Report: Michele Worden

- **MMGA Affiliation:** Michele led a discussion regarding the affiliation with the state organization. No opposition was voiced. A straw vote was taken. Majority in favor of proceeding with the affiliation.

MSUE Update: Jennifer Berkey,

- Thanks expressed for the 4225 volunteer hours of service in 2015
- 1055 Continuing Education hours were logged in VMS for 2015
- VMS showed 70 active volunteers in 2015
- Michelle Ferrarese has been chosen as the MSUE Consumer Horticulture Program Instructor (aka Master Gardener Program Coordinator). Michelle will start June 20th.
 - She has a BS in Botany and MS in Horticulture. Michelle has operated her own CSA Farm where she gave educational tours. She ran a student garden program at MSU and has been an instructor for the Life Long Learning program at NMC.
- Update on the programs services MSUE provides. Use these web sites for complete information: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/leelanau/home_horticulture
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/grand_traverse

Business Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 pm

Program: "Keeping Watch Over Our Water" (Redux) Sarah U'Ren, Program Director, The Watershed Center of Grand Traverse Bay

Due to the storm in February, we decided that Sarah's presentation was important enough to repeat so that more people could attend. Sarah shared the wonderful work of The Watershed Center in the reworking of the storm drains in Suttons Bay which included resident maintained Rain Gardens throughout the village. She also highlighted the work done in cooperation with Munson Medical Center with the rerouting and revitalizing of Kid's Creek and the storm water runoff systems. Master Gardener Volunteers have been involved with these projects.

Adjournment: 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Reich, Secretary MGANM