



Connecting a Community of Gardeners Through Learning

February 7th, 2017

General Membership Meeting & Educational Presentation

Business Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:32 pm

Attendance: 21 members and guests

President's Report:

Michele Worden welcomed the group and gave a brief presentation on the state of the MGANM reviewing the year end status and plans and programs for 2017. Michele's full presentation will be available on the website: mganm.org

- The Board of Directors was introduced
 - President – Michele Worden 2017-2018
 - Vice President – Cheryl Gross 2017
 - Secretary – Judy Reich 2017-2018
 - Treasurer – Glynis Waycaster 2017
- The MGANM membership has approved affiliation with MMGA
- There are cards with the Program listings for the year available at the sign in table

MSUE Report: Jennifer Berkey, District Coordinator

- Jennifer Berkey gave an update on the Extension. With the departure of Michele Ferrarese, Bridget Hart will serve as the Interim Master Gardener Program Coordinator. Jennifer thanked the membership for their service this past year and assured us that the MSUE Staff is always available to assist us.

Business Meeting Adjournment: 6:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Reich, Secretary MGANM

SMART GARDENING: Duke Elsner, PhD.

Erwin 'Duke' Elsner is a small fruit and consumer horticulture educator for Michigan State University Extension based out of the Grand Traverse County Extension office in Traverse City, Michigan. He holds a B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in entomology. He has recently published "Smart Gardening to Support Monarchs" for the MSU Extension Smart Gardening Program

Dr. Elsner gave an overview of the MSUE Smart Gardening Program and the resources it provides to the gardeners promoting gardening practices based on scientific research. This outreach program provides a series of tip sheets for many gardening topics.

These tip sheets can be found at https://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/home_gardening/tip_sheets

There is also an opportunity for MSUE Master Gardeners to become a Certified Smart Gardening Volunteer. For more information contact Dr. Elsner at Elsner@msu.edu