



**MGANM Board Meeting
May 4, 2017**

1. Call to Order by Michele Worden at 6:36 PM

Board members present: Michele Worden, Glynis Waycaster

Members present: Barbara Fasulo-Emmott

2. President's Report - Michele

- a. MMGA status
 - i. Moving forward. Should be receiving Incorporation Articles soon.
- b. MMGA Leadership conference recap
 - i. Michele and Glynis attended the MMGA Leadership conference
 1. A lot of great information. This meetings discussion on advantages to affiliation. Great for promotion of EMG's state wide. Minimal support to individual affiliations at this time (work in progress). We were provided multiple documents on MMGA Standard Operations Manual, downloaded in the MGANM dropbox.
 2. May be able to participate in MMGA board meetings via Zoom.
 - ii. VMS capabilities
 1. Calendar: Association can input future events for all in the three counties to see. Also, allows for volunteers to sign-up for an event and displays who the volunteers are.
 2. VMS Ambassador is contact person to input information into the calendar.
 - a. **AA: Michele to contact Annette to verify Ambassador for our area.**
 3. Can use the VMS to send out email correspondence to all EMG members in the area.
 4. **AA: Plan for VMS overview at next membership meeting.**
- c. MG Collage Scholarship promotion
 1. Information published in the May Real Dirt.
 - a. Cheryl Gross is lead in award decision making for MGANM. 2 members will be selected from MGANM. Financial contribution (\$250. ea) from MGANM and Brian Zimmerman.
 2. Reviewed the website for program information
 - a. **AA: Facebook post, VMS email, MGANM Mail Chimp promoting the event and scholarship availability.**
- d. Membership Drive
 - i. Current membership: 43
 - ii. Current EMG's not members
 1. **AA: Michele will contact Annette re contacting EMG's in the area, offering membership with a June 15 deadline & MGANM t-shirt.**
 - iii. Lapsed MGANM members
 1. VMS only shows current members, not lapsed.
 2. **AA: Glynis will verify lapsed member list. Decision to be made on mailing the application and doing phone call follow-up.**
 - iv. MG trainees



1. **AA: Michele attend the June 1 MG Training session to promote membership. Will include MGANM t-shirt for signing up. Barbara will accompany Michele.**
 2. **AA: Celebration for MG Trainee graduation from MGANM (who & when??)**
 - e. Update from E-MSU Jennifer Berkley
 - i. May 11 Interviews for new MG Coordinator will be held. Michele is participating. All members are invited to the MG Coordinators presentations at 1PM.
 - f. June 6 Succulent Workshop
 - i. Open slots available for members. Need to contact Breeze Hill (application & fee not to come to us)
 - ii. **AA: Another promotion via Mail Chimp?**
 - g. April 4 Wild Harvest event
 - i. Great turn out. 33 members and 14 non-members attended.
 - ii. Discussion on program promotion. What was the mode for attendees to learn about the event? Real Dirt, Face Book, posted MGANM event posters, MGANM rack cards?
 1. **AA: Revise the attendance sheet to include how the attendee learned about the event. Who?**
 - iii. Received a lot of publicity. Michele was interviewed by Northern Express. Michele provided pictures. Anticipate publication in 2 weeks, paper and online.
 1. **AA: Send out email to members to read??**
3. **Vice-President's Report – Cheryl – not present**
 - a. MG Training Class Scholarships process TBD
 4. **Secretary's Report – Judy – not present**
 5. **Treasurers Report - Glynis**
 - a. 2017 budget update
 - i. March \$3395.77 + \$30.00 (petty cash)
 1. Revenue \$0
 2. Expenses \$803.26 (Largest expense poster/rack cards and MG Training Scholarship)
 - ii. April-Report not available yet. Glynis working on to submit to BG
 1. Revenue \$400.00
 2. Expenses \$346.66 (Largest expense MG College Scholarship)
 6. **The Real Dirt Editor - Cheryl & Whitney – not present**
 - a. Stats - Whitney
 7. **Technology Chair – Whitney – not present**
 - a. Website changes and stats – to be sent
 8. **2018 MGANM Program Potential Events**
 - a. **AA: Survey Monkey for interest and engagement on programming**



- i. Deadline for programming rack cards mid-October to hand out at Volunteer Recognition Dinner
 - b. Proposal not to have an event in Jan (too close to holidays and weather)
 - c. Ideas so far
 - i. Jan – Oak Wilt awareness, MSUE speaker ?
 - ii. Feb – Hot Plants for 2018 with BGS again?
 - iii. March – Bonsai – MW and Dean Bull?
 - iv. April – Heirloom tomatoes ? or Morel Mushroom foraging?
 - v. May – Seedling Workshop Pinehill?
 - vi. June – Terrarium workshop Garden Goods? or Foraging trip?
 - vii. July – farm tour? 9Bean Rows?
 - viii. August – Smart Garden topic TBD
 - ix. September- Cowell Cancer Green Roof and rain garden tour (Sara U’Ren?)
 - x. October – Designing with Natives – Cheryl Gross
 - d. Other ideas
 - i. Boardman Dam Restoration project (Tom?)
 - ii. Effect of Climate change on Northern Michigan gardening/forest
9. **New Business**