



Connecting a Community of Gardeners Through Learning

November 5th, 2017

**Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers**

The Master Gardener Association of Northwest Michigan gathered at Gilbert Lodge at Twin Lakes Park on November 5th, 2017 for the first annual meeting as a member organization of the Michigan Master Gardeners Association for the purpose of electing officers and recognizing the accomplishments of the members over this past year.

Business Meeting:

Call to order: 1:40 PM

President's Report: Michele Worden

- Mission Review
 - *"To further the horticultural educational activities of MSU Extension and provide horticultural knowledge and experience to members, enabling them to share this knowledge with others through gardening projects, educational programs and activities."*
- 2017 Highlights:
 - Completed Michigan Master Gardener Association affiliation
 - Became a Nonprofit Corporation
 - Revised Bylaws to include MMGA - unanimous of those who voted
 - Botanic Garden Joint Program
 - Proven Winners "Hot Plants for 2017"
 - Grand Traverse Conservation District MOU
 - Provides meeting space in exchange for 80 volunteer hrs.
 - Gave 4 Scholarships
 - 2 for MSUE training course
 - 2 for MG College
- Membership Statistics:
 - 72 Members
 - 71% of MSUE Master Gardeners are members of MGANM
- Communications & Marketing
 - Our Facebook Page has had 545 Likes
 - Our Newsletter, The Real Dirt has 304 subscribers
 - We created professional marketing materials
 - The 2018 information card has been placed at each place set
- Community Awareness
 - In an effort to bring attention to the work of our organization, members are encouraged to wear logo-wear when volunteering
 - Denise Brown of the Oakland MGA has brought a variety of logo-wear for purchase



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- We are taking orders for a gardener's apron with the MGANM logo
- Financials (further detail can be found on the website under Treasurer's Reports)
 - Balance Sheet (bank accounts)
 - Assets - \$3531
 - Liabilities \$0
 - Income Statement YTD
 - Revenue \$4096
 - Expenses \$3190
- Volunteer Hours: YTD 3,565
 - The greatest number of hours has been given to our partners: The Botanic Garden, the Grand Traverse Conservation District Native Plant Gardens and the Leelanau County Government Center Gardens. A full listing of the projects association members volunteer for can be found on our website.
- Future Plans for organizational management
 - Upgrade to Quickbooks online
 - Implement Membership software
 - Implement Scholarship Endowment
- 2018 Programming-a Great Line Up
 - Joint program with BGS
 - Joint program with GTCD

Service to the Association Award

- This award is given to the MGANM Member who has greatly positively impacted the association:

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Many thanks for all your hard work

- Joanne Johnsen accepted the award on Martha's behalf.

Board of Director Elections

- The Proposed Slate of Candidates was presented
 - Vice-President (2 years) - Peg Burman
 - Treasurer (2 years) - Glynis Waycaster
 - Director A (1 years) - Whitney Miller
 - Director B (1 years) -
 - Director C (2 year) - Sue Newman
 - BGS Liaison - Terry Harding
- Motion to accept slate made and seconded
- Slate approved by general acclamation

Adjournment: 1:55 PM by general assent

Respectfully submitted,



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Judith L. Reich, AEMG, Secretary MGANM

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