

MGANM Board Meeting

February 7th, 2018

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Attending: Michele Worden, Glynis Waycaster, Peg Burman, Sue Newman, Terry Harding, Marina Deering, Marla Bidwell, Nate Walton, Judy Reich

1. President's Report - Michele

- a. Reminder for Susan Newman and Peg Burman to send their bios to Whitney for the website.
 - i. Michele took their pictures and will send to Whitney.
- b. MGANM Aprons
 - i. Minimum order is 20 aprons.
 - ii. 10 Aprons have been pre-ordered by members.
 - iii. MGANM will purchase an additional 6 aprons to donate to Leelanau and Boardman River Cons. District for events.
 - iv. 5 additional aprons will be purchased for member sales.
- c. Board Membership education
 - i. Michele recommends BOD development education. Recommends North Sky educational offerings on being a board member.
 - ii. Michele will create a folder in Dropbox for BOD orientation.
 - iii. Strategic planning: Recommend meeting for future planning.
- d. Survey
 - i. Michele has received input on the survey. She will be reviewing and incorporating recommendations. Date of survey TBD.
- e. Tech Soup: Michele has an account and has ordered Quickbooks for \$50. It is web based and allows 5 administrators. Michele and Glynis will work on setting up once the order is approved by Tech Soup.
- f. Proposed Investment Account for Scholarship Fund:
 - i. Michele has been exploring investment options to generate funds. Marina recommended checking with 5th/ 3rd Bank for investment options.
 - ii. 2018 Scholarship Fund distribution: \$550.
 1. \$250- One individual to attend the MG College in the fall.
 2. \$150 each - Two individuals for the EMG Class in March.
- g. MMG: Michele and Glynis are working on required documents to submit by March 1st. Currently we have 61 members who are EMG's. A membership drive is in progress, so a more accurate count of MGANM membership can be provided.

- h. Membership Software Programs
 - i. A membership software program would be beneficial to aide in bookkeeping and communication. Michele and Glynis are investigating 2 options, Member Planet and Wild Apricot. They listened to a webinar on Wild Apricot, this is a website based program that offers multiple venues that would be of value. This option would have to be discussed with Whitney. Michele will be looking further into Member Planet.
 - ii. A decision would be based on cost and functionality.
 - iii. The goal would be to implement a program by the fall, before the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.
- 2. **Vice-President's Report - Peg**
 - a. Speakers Bureau: Peg and Cheryl have spoken and will be meeting soon to begin development. Michele suggested a creating a page on the website for this.
- 3. **Secretary's Report - Judy**
 - a. December Minutes for approval - Approved by general assent
 - b. Proposed board meeting schedule for 2018 - Board members agreeable to this change of day
 - i. Wed, Feb 7
 - ii. Wed, April 4
 - iii. Wed, June 6
 - iv. Wed, August 1
 - v. Wed, October 3
 - vi. Sunday, Nov 4 - Recognition Luncheon and Election of officers
 - vii. Wed, December 5 - BoD Christmas Gathering and Installation of new officers
- 4. **Treasurers Report - Glynis/Michele**
 - a. 2017 budget update & 2018 proposed budget:
 - i. Line items reviewed - report is available in the drop box
 - ii. Savings account is the scholarship fund
 - iii. Motion to Approve 2018 Budget by Terry Harding, Second Judy Reich, Approved by general assent
 - b. Tax receipt letter for donations: Glynis is sending these to the donors of larger amounts
 - c. Membership numbers: 58 (7-8 are community members)
 - i. Glynis has sent letter to past members reminding them to renew
 - ii. MMGA wants membership numbers by March 1st
 - d. Member Planet and Wild Apricot Membership software: These two programs are being evaluated by Michele and Glynis. There are Webinars that can be viewed to get an introduction to them. Michele will send the link to anyone interested.
 - i. Glynis prefers the Wild Apricot over Member Planet
- 5. **The Real Dirt Editor - Cheryl (absent) deferred**
- 6. **Technology Chair - Whitney (absent) deferred**
- 7. **Coordinator's Report: Nate**
 - a. Master Gardener Training Course scheduled to start March 8th
 - i. 30 participants are needed
 - ii. Capacity is 50
 - iii. 25 currently registered
 - iv. Posters given to attendees to take to public places for display
 - v. Nate will have a table at "Earth Day"
- 8. **Programing**

- a. Upcoming 2018
 - i. March 6 - Cheryl Gross: "Landscaping with Native plants"
 - ii. March 14 - Hot Plants for 2018 with BGS
 - 1. Heidi Grasman will present again this year
 - 2. Proven Winners Marketing is paying the speaker's honorarium this year
 - iii. April 3 - Julie Krist "Growing and Cooking with Herbs"
- b. Posters:
 - i. Designer/Printer had been ill so the posters were put on hold
 - ii. We are having success with our other modes of publicity (Facebook, Newspapers, etc.) so we will continue to hold off on printing posters

9. New Business

- a. Filming meetings - Michael O'Brien idea
 - i. Discussion: Consensus is that this would be in line with our mission to educate the community in research based gardening practices.
 - ii. Michele said that the training for doing this is provided by Land Information Access Association (LIAA.org). Michele will ask Michael to attend the next BoD meeting to share more about what it involves.
- b. Garden Walk Request for Sponsors: Terry Harding
 - i. Motion Made and Approved to Sponsor
 - ii. Garden Walk is scheduled for July 19th
- c. National Garden Club Landscape Design School Course #4: Terry Harding
 - i. Terry will provide information to put on our website and Face Book page
- d. Botanic Garden Update: Terry Harding
 - i. Need people for March 14th Hot Plants program to work the reception table
 - 1. Judy and Glynis volunteered
 - ii. The Botanic Garden will be holding the "Colantha Fall Festival" September 30th
 - 1. MGANM is invited to have a table at the event

Adjournment: 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Reich, AMG, Secretary MGANM