



**MGANM Board Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2018 (August Meeting)**

Call to Order: 6:10PM

Attendees: Michele Worden, Judy Reich, Nate Walton, Sue Newman, Susan Newcomb Roenicke, Terry Harding, Barbara Fasulo-Emmott, Peg Burman

1. President's Report - Michele

- a. Trainee t-shirt offer distribution
 - i. shirts available at meetings for Trainees to pick up
- b. MG College Scholarship & Ad
 - i. There are two Full Tuition Scholarships available provided by MGANM and Brian Zimmerman
- c. Master Gardener Survey and Planning
 - i. Survey results reviewed. 69 respondents
 1. Will present results at the Annual Meeting (Recognition Luncheon) in November.
 - ii. Program Planning: Sue Newman volunteered to research programs based on survey results
- d. Proposed investment account – TBD
 - i. Michele wishes to do more research before bring to the board for a decision
- e. Quickbooks update
 - i. Up and running.
 1. Michele will work with Glynis to get all of our financial records up to date
- f. Need for an organizational email
 - i. E-mail addresses needed for each association officer
 1. Michele will work out with Whitney how to set up

2. Vice-President's Report – Cheryl and Peg

- a. Speakers Bureau – TBD
 - i. No additional information since our last meeting.
 - ii. We will wait to promote this on our new website when it becomes active

3. Secretary's Report – Judy

- a. June Minutes for approval
 - i. Motion to approve made, seconded and carried by general consent.
 - ii. Judy will send June and July Treasury Reports with these minutes.

4. Treasurers Report – Michele for Glynis

- a. 2018 budget update- nothing new
- b. Membership numbers-no additional members
- c. 990 filing update- completed
- d. Wild Apricot Membership software - TBD
 - i. Main concern is the Cost: W.A. is integrated with Mail Chimp. Under 100 mailings is affordable but over 100 is too expensive. And Real Dirt Subscriptions number over 300. Work-arounds are being considered.

5. The Real Dirt Editor - Cheryl (absent-no report)

6. Technology Chair – Whitney (absent – no report)

- a. Website and Real Dirt stats? Is there an issue? Do we survey?

MGANM Mission Statement: *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.*



7. Programing

- a. Upcoming 2018
 - i. August 7 – Edible Trails Tour
 - ii. August 10 – Friday Night Live
 1. Peg, Nate and Michele will Volunteer for this
 - iii. Tuesday, September 4 – Smart Gardening for Soil Health
 - iv. September 30 – Botanic Garden Harvest fest?
 1. Actually to be called “Colantha’s Garden Celebration”
 - v. October 2 – Designing with Natives with Brian Zimmerman
 1. Boardman River Nature Center
 - vi. ??? October Board meeting?
 1. We will meet September 11th to work on Planning for the Recognition Luncheon
 - vii. November 4 – Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

8. Coordinators Report – Nate

- a. 45-50% certification of Trainees from the June 2017 Class
- b. June 2018 Class graduated 41 of 47
- c. Next MSUE Master Gardener Training Course will be in March of 2019
- d. Two-thirds of the way through the Diagnostics Training. There are 5 Master Gardeners in the Class
- e. Northwestern Michigan Fair: Still in need of volunteers on August 4th, 6th, 7th

9. Old Business – none

10. New Business

- a. **Terry Harding:** The Michigan Garden Clubs will be holding their 88th Annual Conference “Earth, Water, Beauty, Balance” at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, June 5th & 6th, 2019.
 - i. Terry requests that MGANM purchase a sponsorship. The response was favorable. Terry will provide the information to Glynis for review.
- b. Open Board Seat: Barbara Fasulo-Emmott was asked by the officers if she would be willing to fill the open position on the board. She agreed. Michele Worden made the motion to appoint Barbara to fill out the remaining term of the open Board of Directors position (through 2018). Motion seconded by Judy Reich. Motion passed unanimously.
 - i. Welcome Barbara!

Adjournment: 7:15PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Reich, AMG
Secretary, MGANM