



**MGANM Board Meeting
DRAFT Minutes
February 11, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm via Zoom.

Board Members present: Michele Worden, Barbara Fasulo-Emmott, Judy Reich, Susan Newman, Glynis Waycaster, Nate Walton, Kellie Parks

1. President's Report - Michele

- a. Wild Apricot update – 102 members, 35 not renewed, in system as of 2/10/18.
 - i. Glynis, Kellie and Michele are full admins.
 - ii. Sue suggests sending another invitation just prior to next meeting, because the link expires.
- b. Management Report to Members (for review - required by Michigan Nonprofit law): Corrections to double entries in Quickbooks have been made. **Action item:** Glynis and Michele will review and reproduce report. Should have ready for sending to members within a couple weeks.
- c. Michigan Garden Clubs sponsorship and/or advertising agreement: **Action item:** Need a check for this.

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

- a. Speakers Bureau? Tabled.

3. Secretary's Report – Judy/Kellie

- a. Minutes from December board meeting, January and February member meetings: Motion to approve all by Barbara, seconded by Glynis. Motion carried.
- b. Where to post minutes? **Action item:** Michele will look into attaching minutes to Wild Apricot.
- c. **Action item:** Nate: Will Look into getting volunteers to help with updating the website and will confer with Whitney.

4. Treasurer's Report - Glynis

- a. 2018 budget update – how year ended? No discussion.
- b. 2019 budget: Created with last year's info. **Action item:** Glynis will do some tweaking and get it out to all.
- c. Issues? No discussion.

5. The Real Dirt Editor – Cheryl

- a. Stats on openings? Readership and feedback? Tabled.

6. Technology Chair – Whitney

- a. Facebook 678 page likes
- b. Linking Wild Apricot and mganm.org. Tabled.



7. Programming - Michele

- a. 2019 Calendar
 - i. 3/5 Make a Rain Garden from Native Plants. **Action item:** Michele will verify how Carolyn spells her name. Cheryl hosting. **Action item:** Nate will facilitate with volunteer getting all member events on the VMS calendar.
 - ii. 4/2 Growing Together Initiative: MSU person coming up. **Action item:** Michele and Nate to collaborate in organizing speakers and keep Kellie in the loop. Kellie hosting.
 - iii. 4/9 Board meeting

8. Coordinators Report - Nate

- a. Nate has been focused on volunteer selection for new class and the recertification period which just ended. Percentage of trainees from 2017 class who recertified: 47%. The new process will vet each volunteer with a national background check, state database, and sex offender list; 3 references required and fill out a questionnaire. Then candidates interview with Nate to get to know them better and what their interests are which helps to pair each with projects. He evaluates the likelihood they will follow through with their volunteer commitment. Currently there are 25 registered, need 30 to hold the class. Last year there were many last minute registrations. Soft deadline is 14th, hard deadline is the 21st. Currently 5 applications for scholarships. Will need a volunteer committee to help choose scholarship recipients. Sue and Judy will help with evaluating. **Action item:** Nate will send our scholarship application around this week. **Action item:** For next meeting agenda-work to have a member to mentor the scholarship recipient into the association, i.e invite to meetings, be a point of contact for questions.

9. Old Business

- a. Proposed investment account – TBD after November meeting. No discussion.
- b. T-shirts for trainees again - Need to let people know ahead of time, so they can bring payment for membership and we know how many to order. Introduce at first class, then bring back to last class. **Action item:** Michele will look into a Wild Apricot link that Nate can send to all trainees by March 7. Note: Nate's correct email: waltonn2@msu.edu.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm