

Master Gardener Society of Oakland County

Board Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2009

Call to Order: 7:08 p.m.

In Attendance: Tom Hershberger, Ruth Vrbensky, Jean Gramlich, Susan T. McLarty, Carol Lenchek, Chris Covell, J. Kowalk, Janie Grissom, Sandie Parrott, Wayne Lapinski, Chris Wilder,
Guest: Russ and Nora Melvin

Absent: John Grant, Margy Truza, DeeAnn Bauer, Dick Wanat

Quorum present

Secretary Report: Board minutes from March 16, 2009 were presented. Corrections to minutes regarding attendance of Jean Gramlich and correction of Susan T. McLarty's initial.

- **Motion:** S.T. McLarty moved to accept minutes as amended. J. Gramlich support.
Approved.

Treasurer Report: J. Gramlich presented. Report on file

- **Motion:** S.T. McLarty moved to approve the Treasurer's report. March 16-May 18, 2009. J. Gramlich support. Approved

Team Administrator: S.T. McLarty presented

Income stated (on file) from soup at last meeting and guest income.

Cookbook is simmering.

Master Gardener Coordinator: C. Lenchek presented.

- Check for banquet attendance is due tonight. Friday 5/15 was the deadline.
- A new farmer's market is in Wixom. If budget allows, will the Society consider purchasing a canopy as done for the other markets.
- August Master Gardener Class: application process begins in 1-2 weeks. S. Parrott indicated much interest in the class has been generated at the Farm Markets.
- *Evening in the Garden* classes are filling fast.
- Urban vegetable gardening is up-she is encouraging Master Gardeners to refresh their knowledge of vegetable gardening. Two great locations to study are MSU Tollgate Farms in Novi and Bittersweet Farms in Ortonville.

Hospitality: Chris Covell presented- 73 attended April general meeting. Students from the Winter Class of 2009 attended as well. Volunteers have signed up for the June general meeting. *The Hospitality Team Leader Guide* was submitted by C. Covell. It was accepted into the minutes and is available for review from the Secretary as is the details of the Hospitality Report.

Programs: D. Bauer absent-no report.

Newsletter: Dick Wanat absent: Deadline is Friday, May 15, 2009.

Bower's Farm: W. Lapinski presented: Gardens are composted, shrubs trimmed, dug out daffodils which will be put by flagpole. Cannas were also dug. Garlic Mustard was removed in Gazebo area. Wayne made 15 signs + 4 more to identify gardens by name. A new garden is the *Hummingbird Garden*. He is drawing plans of each garden so volunteers can recognize and work in the gardens with knowledge of what belongs. \$250 was spent on perennials to replace the removed boxwood. There is an erosion issue by the log cabin-the hill wears away in heavy rains. Carol praised Wayne's leadership. He sends "Thank you" to all the volunteers.

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Membership: J. Kowalk presented: distributed latest directory with one name to be added at the end. New applications were given to C. Covell to have at meetings. Julie was able to get the watermark to print. We have 167 members to date. Jean stated she has more applications that she has yet to forward to Julie. Tom H. gave Julie the MGSOC pens and pins. New pins will be given to the last 2 class years of new members.

Website: Chris Wilder presented: She is keeping the website up to date. She is struggling with what should or shouldn't be included on our calendar. The board gave her criteria: Education, charity, volunteering opportunities, Beneficial to MSUE-MG. She is also concerned about the website in general and making any changes. She has requested a list to be sent to her of these concerns. She will work with Sheri Trout to address the concerns and make updates as needed. Ruth will send Sheri the latest corrected minutes.

Project Support: S.T. McLarty presented: See Team Administrator

Trips and Tours: S. Parrott presented: The trip is full for June 26-28, 2009

Door Prize Coordinator: J. Grissom presented: 7 items were donated. She is also hosting an information booth and miniature gardens sale at the Milford Garden Walk and is requesting assistance. Susan volunteered to send an email request to Carol with the proper information for *Oakland Gardener*.

Corresponding Secretary: Margy Truza absent.

Old Business: The *Nonsufficient Funds check* policy was received and wordsmithed. The policy statement will appear on the membership applications.

New Business:

- Tom Hershberger will attend a meeting on May 20, 2009 for the State Fair.

Motion to Adjourn: J. Gramlich moved to adjourn. S.T. McLarty support. Approved

Adjourned: 8:46 pm.

☞ All reports and submissions are available to every member, upon request, from the Secretary

Education: 0 hours

Meeting: 1.5 hours