**MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF GENESEE COUNTY MICHIGAN**

**Board of Directors Meeting – October 5, 2020**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Gensel at 5:00 pm in Joanne’s Garage. The board members wore masks and practiced social distancing.

**Attendees:** Joanne Gensel, President; Sabrina VanDyke, 1st Vice President; Loretta Ellwood, 2nd Vice President; Margaret Sowle, Secretary; and Kay McCullough, Outreach Director.

**President’s Comments:**

Kay McCullough made a motion to pay the 2021 $5.00 dues for the members to MGAGCM.

The motion was seconded by Sabrina VanDyke. The motion was approved by all Board Members present.

**New Business:**

**Application Form for Individual Chapter Membership:**

Kay McCullough brought a copy of the Chapter Membership form. She will be sending the form to all current members for them to complete and return the form to give the Chapter permission to include their information in the MGAGCM Chapter Directory. Kay has sent the form to Barslund Judd for his approval. Joanne will put a note in the DTE about the Application Form. The Board will explore the possibility of putting a picture of each member in the Chapter Directory.

Gloria Roudebush has resigned from the Hospitality position and Allan Grove will be the card person.

Joanne said that Sharon Kridner and Lori Fournier have volunteered to help the organization in any way they can.

Joanne will request a copy of the Budget Report from MGAGCM. Joanne will also double check the list again to determine the actual membership. We will continue to bolster our membership.

**ELECTIONS:**

Kay McCullough made a motion to postpone this year’s election until 2021 due to the shutdown from Covid 19.

Loretta Ellwood seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all Board Members present.

**BUDGET:**

A review of the budget in certain areas except to spend down our big reserve.

Put some money into a “pot” for gardeners who have their projects approved such as tomato cages.

A motion was made by Loretta Ellwood to put some $5,000 money into mini-grants.

$800 for Jr. Master Gardeners will remain the same.

Take off the Gateway to Flint category.

Kay McCullough suggested we need a Project Grant Form where the project leader can specify what they want to spend the money on.

**FUND RAISING EVENTS:** The following events are to be our fundraisers for 2021:

1. Garden Tour
2. Fall into Spring
3. Native Plant Sale

The Projects are owned by MSU Extension.

**CLOSE OF MEETING:** The meeting was adjourned by President Joanne Gensel at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Margaret Sowle, MGAGCM secretary