**MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF GENESEE COUNTY MICHIGAN**

**Board of Directors Meeting - Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Gensel at 4:00 pm via Zoom.

**Attendees:** Joanne Gensel, President; Sabrina VanDyke, 1st Vice President; Loretta Ellwood, 2nd Vice President; Margaret Sowle, Secretary; Kay McCullough, Outreach Director; Mel Kennedy, Director of Communications and Barslund Judd, Co-Ordinator.

**Opening Comments from the President:**

1. Meeting was called to report out any new information we have regarding MGAGCM.
2. Due to the current situation under the Covid pandemic, MSUE is closed through May 15th as of this date.
3. Share thoughts and ideas for the remainder of the year.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Moved and 2nd by Loretta and Mel to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2020 and February 20, 2020. Passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Beginning balance on January 1, 2020 was $24,231.06. There was no income in January and expenses were $256.61. Ending balance on January 31, 2020 was $23,974.45.

The beginning balance on February 1, 2020 was $23,974.45. February income was zero but expenses for engraving materials totaled $433.25 resulting in an ending balance of $23,541.20.

There was no income or expenses in March and April due to the Covid pandemic leaving the current balance as of May 6, 2020 at $23,541.20.

Michelle will renew the Michigan Gardener Magazine subscription and request the copies be held until our in-person monthly meetings resume.

**Co-Ordinator - Barslund Judd:**

We are in a holding pattern. We cannot work until after May 15. In fact, we may not be able to do any group events until Fall or early Winter.

**2nd Vice President - Loretta Ellwood:**

Loretta previously emailed the Speaker’s List to the board members in March.

Fall Into Spring is cancelled for this year.

Micah Williams will be contacted for the May meeting.

The possibility of doing a social Zoom meeting for June’s monthly meeting will be explored.

**1st Vice President - Sabrina VanDyke:**

Sabrina has done the planning for the bus trip for 2020 so it will be re-scheduled for 2021.

The clothing line project is on hold until after the Covid pandemic is over.

**Director of Communications - Mel Kennedy:**

As a MMGA board member, Mel obtained a spreadsheet of Master Gardeners who had/had not paid their MMGA dues according to MMGA. Some members whose dues were paid were listed as unpaid when they were actually paid. Mel will get this cleared up at their next board meeting. The affiliation fee bill from MMGA has not been received as of May 6, 2020.

**Outreach Director - Kay McCullough:**

Because of the Covid pandemic, it may be some time before we can do any Outreach events.

**President’s Comments:**

Joanne stated that we are currently being sponsored by MSUE who gives us insurance. The day may come when we will want to de-link ourselves from MMGA. Joanne asked the Board to think about how we can use the substantial amount of money we have built up to benefit Genesee County.

What are some things we could use that money on such a replacing the engraving machine that is almost obsolete with a laser engraving machine. The Chapter does not make money producing plant signs on the current machine.

**Close of Meeting:** Moved and 2nd by Loretta Ellwood and Sabrina VanDyke. Passed. The meeting was adjourned by President, Joanne Gensel at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Margaret Sowle, MGAGCM Secretary.

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| 1-16-20 | 2-20-20 | 3-19-20\* |
| 4-16-20 – Awards Banquet\* | 5-21-20\* | 6-18-20 (pending) |
| 7-29-20 – Picnic\* | 8-20-20 | 9-24-20 |
| 10-22-20 | 11-19-20 (Elections & Party) | December (no meeting) |

\*Canceled due to Covid pandemic.