**MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF GENESEE COUNTY MICHIGAN**

**Board of Directors Meeting - Monday, May 24, 2021**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Gensel at 5:36 pm in her garage.

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

**President’s Comments:**

Joanne announced that she, Kay and Loretta will be Co-Treasurers for the remainder of the year. Joanne will have a meeting with Michelle Wareham and the Co-Treasurers to do a reconciliation from the ending of Bobbi Parkhill’s term as Treasurer to the present. Due to the pandemic the expenses have been very minor.

Teresa Gill wants to become a new member. After receipt of Teresa Gill’s information, Joanne will send a check to MMGA to pay the membership dues for all members which is about 125.

Our organization has been asked to make a donation of $250.00 to buy the Welcome Kits for the Master Gardener College. Loretta made the motion to donate the $250.00 requested and it was seconded by Kay McCullough and approved by the Board.

**New Business:**

Joanne announced the following tentative plans as we contemplate a post-Covid world:

**July Caravan Garden Tour**

**July Potluck Picnic**

**August Live Membership Meeting**

**September Brown Bag Bus Trip**

**October Begin Election Process**

**November Holiday Party**

**Outreach Director – Kay McCullough:**

* **Caravan Garden Tour on Saturday, July 31st**. The tour will be similar to the pre-garden tours we have had in the past except we will have about 30 minutes at each site and when the whistle blows, we will travel on to the next site. Kay will try to get all the garden sites as close together as possible.
* Kay will work on developing QR codes attached to certain plants that will give a brief explanation or information regarding the plant.
* **Potluck Picnic at the end of July on a Sunday.** Joanie Snyder will contact Crossroads Village to see if she can get the building for us. The Organization will provide meat for the picnic.
* **Live membership meeting in August.** Joanne will check with Barslund to arrange the room for 5:30 pm. The Board will buy the nibbles, pizza and ice cream. Sabrina will contact Lori Fournier about the ice cream truck to find out the cost.

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

* Sabrina is proposing a **Brown Bag Bus Trip for September.** After the ban is lifted in July, she needs a minimum of three months to make the arrangements. At least 60 people are needed to fill a bus. Each person on the bus would bring their own lunch and the Association will hand out snacks and provide water.
* **Elections:**

We will begin the election process in October. Check to see if Dick Moldenhauer and Colleen Putinsky will

be on the Nominating Committee. The minimum number we need for the Board is three:

 President Treasurer Secretary

Joanne announced that Kay will send out a mass mailing for voting to the membership.

* **Holiday Party in November.**

Kay will send out a questionnaire or survey to the membership to obtain their input about our tentative

plans.

Any Master Gardener member who would like to attend the Board Meetings at any time are welcome to do so. You don’t have to obtain permission from anyone to attend. This is your Organization and your Board. The next

Board Meeting will be at 5:30 pm on Monday, June 14.

**Close of Meeting:** Moved and 2nd by Loretta Ellwood and Mel Kennedy to adjourn meeting. Passed. The meeting was adjourned by President Joanne Gensel at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Margaret Sowle, MGAGCM Secretary.

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| Monday, June 14 | Monday, September 13 |
| Monday, July 12 | Monday, October 18 |
| Monday, August 16 | Monday, November 15 |

 Time is 5:30 pm. Location or Zoom meetings to be announced later.