**Master Gardener Association Genesee County MichiganSpecial Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**February 25, 2019**

**Call to Order:**  Meeting called to orderat 1:15 pm by President Vicki Laurin at MSUE.

**Attendees:** Vicki Laurin-President, Mel Kennedy-1st Vice President, Alan Grove-2nd Vice President, Dick Moldenhauer-Secretary, Joanne Gensel-Director, Kit Puroll-Director, Barslund Judd-Coordinator

**I. Reports-**

**President:** NR

**Secretary:** NR

**Treasurer:** NR

**1st Vice President:** NR

**2nd Vice President:** NR

**Director(s):** Joanne NR

Kit NR

**Coordinator:** NR

**II. Unfinished Business**

**III. New Business –**

1. This special Board Meeting was called to discuss the relationship between MGAGCM, it’s members and the Master Gardener Coordinator. Notes are those recorded of the discussion as it progressed.

Awards Banquet: To be held April 19, 2019 @ Crossroads. This is a MSU Master Gardener event and as such requires MSU approval of the contract defining who is responsible for insurance, etc. All MSU events must go through this legal review process. Barslund is coordinating. Local events requiring MSUE approval must go back to campus for approval. This review requirement does not apply to MGAGCM events like the summer picnic or ‘Fall Into Spring’.

Barslund is concerned that the Awards Banquet not be too expensive for any Master Gardener in Genesee County to attend (accessibility). He would like to change the banquet to a potluck to keep the cost to a minimum. Discussion on banquet budget - main expenses are caterer and decorations. Barslund will email all master gardeners in Genesee County notifying them of the banquet and their need to sign up to attend and sign up to bring a dish to pass from one of the food categories.

Barslund has had multiple contacts regarding classes & events costing too much for some master gardeners to attend. There is also an effort to cut award banquet costs state wide. Barslund is also looking to team up with local gardening groups in Flint to sponsor some of their active members in a spring 2020 MG training class for lower income Flint residents.

Awards at the banquet include: Outstanding MG, Distinguished MG and Outstanding MG trainee (awardees determined by the MGAGCM Board or a designated committee). Barslund will award MG and Advanced MG certificates, hour pins and have a few additional awards of his definition.

Potential MG Class schedule: Fall 2019 – Clio area (Clio MCC Campus) to accommodate N. Genesee and S. Saginaw County trainees.

Spring 2020 – Flint on a Saturday

Fall 2020 – more info tbd

Hours spent in support of MGAGCM activities (Board, committees, outreach, stone/plant sign sales, tool sales, etc. are OK per Barslund. (Floral arrangements = no)

Brenda Monty will step (back) in to chair the I-69 Rest Area project this year.

Grow Labs – should we divide and find individual school leaders? May need downsizing – but coordinating of supplies will still need to be done.

What can MGAGCM do better? A) Be patient with Barslund…. 1) a passion to reach out to community segments that are under supported, 2) fixing issues

MSU as a branded corporation – is pushing down w/o looking at the impact on people…..

The MSUE MG Program does not have a good set of well-defined stated goals….

**VI. Announcements** - none

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm by President Vicki Laurin.

Respectfully submitted by Dick Moldenhauer, Secretary

**2019 MGAGCM Board of Directors Meeting Schedule:**

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| 1/07/19 | 2/04/19 | 3/04/19 |
| 4/01/19 | 5/06/19 | 6/03/19 |
| 7/01/19 | 8/05/19 | 9/09/19 |
| 10/07/19 | 11/04/19 | 12/02/19 |

All meetings from 1:15 pm – 3:00 pm at MSUE unless noted.