**MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF GENESEE COUNTY MICHIGAN**

**Board of Directors Meeting - Monday, August 16, 2021**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Gensel at 5:30 pm in her garage.

**Attendees:** Joanne Gensel, President; Sabrina VanDyke, 1st Vice President; Margaret Sowle, Secretary; Kay McCullough, Outreach Director; and Mel Kennedy, Director of Communications; and Guest, Debbie Glasstetter.

**Secretary’s Report:**

A motion to approve the following Board Minutes was made by Joanne and seconded by Kay:

May 6, 2020 August 10, 2020 October 5, 2020 December 17, 2020

May 24, 2021 July 21, 2021

**Election Nominations:**

Kay will send nominations to Dick Moldenhauer for the following offices:

President Joanne Gensel

Vice President Kay McCullough

1st Vice President Sabrina Van Dyke

Secretary Margaret Sowle

Treasurer Carol Mitsdarfer

Director A Debbie Glasstetter

Social Director Alan Grove

Online voting through Weebly will be available and we can also vote at the November meeting.

**2022 Budget:**

The Proposed 2022 Budget will be presented to the members to vote on at the August 19 meeting. Kay will send a copy of the Proposed Budget to all members so they can ask questions during the meeting.

* The organization will pay the dues for each member.
* The main money makers for the Master Gardeners are Fall into Spring, Garden Tour and

 the Native Plant Sale.

**New Meeting Place:**

The September, October and November meetings will be held at the Burton Senior Center. The room has been booked and paid for the three months. The September meeting will tentatively be “live” until otherwise notified.

Masks are required for indoor settings according to the MSU guidelines sent to us on Monday, August 9th. A sign-in sheet will be provided at each meeting for the purpose of contact tracing in case someone comes down with Covid.

**Holiday Party:**

In September, we will have people sign up to attend the party as we should know how active Covid is at that time. The cut-off date will be October 15th. The contract for the caterer will be signed after we know how may people will be attending.

A motion was made by Sabrina and seconded by Mel that the charge for each meal will be $5.00 for members or guests to be paid by October 15th.

For entertainment at the party, Kay suggested a game called “Murder Mystery at the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest.” The initial box costs $40/$50 for 15 to 22 people. For an extra $20, there is an expansion kit that can be purchased to expand the number of participants. Kay will be in charge of the game.

Kay will see if we can get Sharon Kridner to teach us how to make porch pots and also make centerpieces for the party. If Sharon is available, we will need a room at the GCCARD building and a list of supplies that will be needed for the porch pots as well as the centerpieces.

**Brainstorming:**

Kay suggested investigating the possibility of purchasing a drone to take pictures of gardens as a money maker for Master Gardeners.

**SOP for Mini Grants:**

A SOP will be developed for Mini Grants which will include instructions and a form for money requests.

**Close of Meeting:** Moved and 2nd by Kay and Sabrina to adjourn meeting. Passed. The meeting was adjourned by President Joanne Gensel at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Margaret Sowle, MGAGCM Secretary.

Any Master Gardener members who would like to attend Board Meetings at any time are welcome to do so. You don’t have to obtain permission from anyone to attend.

**Future Board Meetings**

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| Monday, September 13 | Monday, October 18 | Monday, November 15 |

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