

1 Michigan Master Gardener Association, Northern Gateway Chapter
2 February 6, 2007 Minutes; County Building, Harrison, Michigan, Meeting Rm B.
3 Meeting called to order by: President Carol Neeper at 6:07 PM
4 Officers Present: Vice President Cheryl Rundle, Secretary Lori Buzzelli, MSUE Advisor Marybeth Denton
5 Attendees: Blane Hiscox, Sheryl Slocum, Elda Hilliard, Judy Clennan
6 Officers Absent: Treasurer Joan Roberts (report given by Cheryl Rundle)

7 **Agenda Topics**

8 **Secretary's Report:** ¹Motion by Blane Hiscox w/ support to accept Secretary's report for January 2,
9 2007 as written. No Opposition, motion carries.

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11 **Treasurer's Report:** given by Cheryl Rundle. Balance of \$456.61. ²Motion by Elda Hilliard w/ support to
12 accept Treasurer's report as written attached to minutes, subject to audit. No opposition, motion carries.

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14 **Old Business:**

- 15 • Mackie Project: Cheryl Rundle reported a list was received from Elm Creek of their available
16 annuals/perennials. All items, including bagged mulch can be delivered and planted in one (1) day. A list
17 will be given to the Mackie bed leaders. Orders will be put in on one specific day to be determined later.
18 Elm Creek requests that Cheryl Rundle deal only with Linda. Quantities have been included on the list but
19 not specific plant color. Color verification can be done by requesting it.
- 20 • Cheryl Rundle stated no response received from Patti Sipe via telephone or mail.
- 21 • Spring Banquet: March 5, 2007 held at County building, meeting room B. Available at noon to start
22 decorating. This has been changed from the Harrison Sportsman's Club. Forestry speaker has been
23 confirmed. No trees will have to be planted this year by the Master Gardeners for the use of this building.
- 24 • Nancy Miner is still doing volunteer hours for the Boy Scout camp. She is improving and
25 progressing. Please keep her in your thoughts.
- 26 • We have open dates for speakers/field trips. Lori Buzzelli will take April 3 and Carol Neeper will
27 have September 4 at her residence. Michelle Neff has offered to do "color training" for our group which
28 helps identify the group's personality. Marybeth Denton will investigate further if Michelle is able to teach
29 this class. Speakers still needed for May, June, October and November.

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31 **New Business:**

- 32 • Dues are due this month. Please pay Cheryl Rundle in the absence of Joan Roberts.
- 33 • Membership roster should include telephone numbers. Although this is the Treasurer's
34 responsibility, Marybeth Denton will use her database and email information to the secretary for inclusion
35 into the minutes but will not be posted on the MG website.
- 36 • Discussion on having gift / thank you cards on hand for our speakers. ³Motion by Cheryl Rundle w/
37 support to have Treasurer Joan Roberts purchase two (2) twenty-five (\$25.00) gas cards to have on
38 hand. No opposition, motion carries.
- 39 • Lori Buzzelli will make Thank You cards and supply them to Cheryl Rundle, Carol Neeper and
40 Marybeth Denton, masculine and feminine in nature.
- 41 • Lori Buzzelli will put together a one year calendar listing dates and any speakers for possible inclusion
42 with our banquet program.
- 43 • January's meeting caused some confusion on where the meeting was taking place. Elda Hilliard
44 volunteered to call the three (3) individuals that do not have email: Colleen Kniespeck, Joan Roberts and
45 Ingrid Couzzins.
- 46 • Lori Buzzelli will produce an invitation/flyer for the banquet and email to Marybeth Denton.
- 47 • Marybeth Denton clarified that a change has been made and all current Master Gardeners are
48 required to have only 5 hours of education for a year. Discussion on how we could obtain our hours if we
49 didn't have speakers.

50 • Janice Chapman contacted MSUE regarding Shingle Lake Park near Lake George and their interest in
51 having a Master Gardener design a Native Plant area. Unknown when the deadline is or if assistance is
52 required by Shingle Lake Park for planting. Judy Clennan took information to look into further.
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54 **Coordinator's Report:** Master Gardener conference call held on January 23, 2007. No revisions for
55 master gardener notebook. Looking into pdf electronic manual for future use. No updates are being
56 provided for the Emerald Ash Borer. Clarification received on how to accommodate someone that may
57 have to take some time off from Master Gardener. Compute system is working well and in process of
58 being cleaned up. Discussion held for instructor qualifications and speaker qualifications will begin next
59 year.

60 Fundraiser idea suggested by Cable Thurlo, the new Ag agent. He suggested Duke Elsner do a 3 hour
61 IPM Seminar. Marybeth will contact the speaker and obtain the room. She would like to have our
62 association sponsor to eliminate the revenue enhancement policy. If our associations helps, then
63 volunteer hours are received before and after the speaking engagement with education obtained during
64 the seminar. No charge for our working association. Fee determined to be \$10. Duke Elsner can not
65 charge a fee because of his association with MSUE. ⁴Motion by Sheryl Slocum w/ support to have
66 Marybeth Denton proceed with the feasibility of this venture. No opposition, motion carries.

67 ⁵Motion by Judy Clennan w/ support to make flyers to place into the banquet mailings and to strategically
68 place the flyers for others. No opposition, motion carries. Date determined as May 19, 2007 from 9am-
69 12pm. Marybeth Denton will check the availability with the speaker as well as with the school where it
70 will be held.

71 Cloverbud Gardening Day has four (4) volunteers but not from our group. It's a half-day session or 3
72 hours where the master gardeners teach kids about gardening. Age restrictions can be in place. There is
73 a flower bed at Brookwood Park in Clare for a kid's garden. The 4-H council pays for the supplies. This
74 could be done around May or Mother's Day with a flyer being mailed out.
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76 Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM
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78 Five (5) Motions made during this meeting.
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80 Banquet scheduled for March 5. Next meeting scheduled for April 3 at 6PM at county building.
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82 Approved: _____ Corrections: _____
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84 Minutes written from notes taken by: Secretary Lori Buzzelli