

THE MICHIGAN FARM & GARDEN FOUNDATION, INC. AKA,
MICHIGAN DIVISION OF THE WOMAN'S FARM AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION, INC.
FALL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

Host: Saginaw Branch

Location: Saginaw Valley State University, Arbury Fine Arts Center, Saginaw, MI

Cinda Schantz, President, Saginaw Branch provided opening remarks.

Invocation was provided by a Saginaw member.

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Schwark at 11:14AM

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by a member of the Saginaw Branch.

Roll Call was taken by Interim Secretary Vicki Guntenaar, Troy Garden Club

86 branch members in attendance:

Bloomfield Hills Branch - 0	Northville Branch - 2
	Plymouth Branch - 2
	Pontiac Branch - 2
Clarkston Farm & Garden Club - 0	Port Huron Garden Club - 0
Country Garden Club of Northville - 4	Rochester Branch - 9
County Downs Branch - 0	Romeo & Juliet Branch - 0
Franklin Branch - 2	Saginaw Branch - 36
Grand Marais Branch - 0	Springfield Branch - 2
Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club - 3	Trailwood Garden Club - 0
Grosse Pointe Park Farm & Garden Club - 0	Trenton Branch - 0
Grosse Pointe Shores Branch - 0	Troy Garden Club - 13
Indian Village Branch - 1	
Lapeer Wildflowers - 3	Warren Branch - 4
Milford Branch - 0	Waterford Branch - 1
Moonglow Branch - 0	Members-At-Large - 2

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

President Mary Schwark acknowledged four past presidents. In attendance today were Louise Shoksnnyder and Rita Urbanski. Susan Chambers was not present and Judy Henning was with us in spirit.

Mary also recognized our Michigan 4-H Foundation representatives, Amanda Masters and incoming Michigan 4-H Foundation president Sally Stuby.

We also had 10 branch presidents in attendance. Rita Urbanski was also recognized as a past National president.

Mary also mentioned that the Matilda Wilson statue at Oakland University will be dedicated on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 10AM if anyone is interested in attending. The \$2200.00 awarded us from the Hazel Herring Fund will be used to landscape the area around the statue.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All Final 2017-2018 Officer and Committee reports were provided to all attendees via email. There were a few brief reports requiring approvals from the membership. Those are as follows:

INTERIM SECRETARY, Vicki Guntenaar:

Minutes of the May 24, 2018 Spring Council Meeting were approved as written.

CHARITABLE TREASURER, Lenore Treba:

Lenore asked if there were any additions/corrections to the Charitable Treasurer's report submitted for January 1-August 31, 2018 as well as January 1 to August 31, 2018 and 2017 Branch Donations. Reports were accepted as presented. They will be placed on file.

MI DIVISION TREASURER, Pat Brown:

Pat asked for any additions/corrections to MI Division treasurer report January 1-July 31, 2018. Accepted as presented. Report will be placed on file.

The 2019 MI Division Budget recommended for approval by the MI DIV executive committee was approved by the membership without changes.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, Sheila Kneeshaw:

Sheila is still looking for a venue for the 2019 Fall Council meeting.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS:

4-H Endowment Report- This report was part of the emailed meeting packet, page 11. Gifts to the Endowment between July 1, 2017 and June 31, 2018 were \$9333.00. See the report for complete breakdown.

As chairperson of Daffodils4Detroit, Robin Heller reminded us of the 2019 luncheon on April 17, 2019 and plans for our new goal of 4 million daffodils planted. Her full report is in the emailed packed.

Tributes to MI Division members from MI Division, Mary Schwark- Branch president, Suemarie Klimek of the Northville Branch will hand out awards to 8 members of her branch for 25+ years as members of MI Division. Bev Hydo of the Troy branch will hand out 2 awards to her members for 25+ years as members of MI Division.

Mary Schwark recognized Cinda Schantz for hosting the 2018 Fall Council meeting.

Recognition of Branches' Exceptional Projects, Marcia Mandell- In May 2018 Marcia handed out seven awards for exceptional projects to five branches. Recognition went to Trenton branch, Country Garden Club of Northville, Rochester branch, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club and the Troy branch.

MICHIGAN DIVISION REGISTRAR, Cheryl Malin: Current membership stands at 1281 members and 4 members-at-large.

Cheryl is also making a push for more members to "GO GREEN" and receive their newsletters via email. She has signed up 75 new "go greeners" and will be available after the meeting to sign up anyone else that might be interested.

President Mary Schwark updated the membership about the MI DIV / 4-H endowment signed in 2007 and the need to modify the agreement to reflect that IFYE cannot continue as one of the four "pillars" or to be a recipient of funds through 4-H. Cooperative work to amend the document continued between MI DIV and 4-H. As a result of those meetings the following amendment will be voted on by the membership.

The Michigan 4-H Foundation ("Foundation") and Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Michigan Division ("Donor") are parties to the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Michigan Division Endowment, dated June 5 and 6, 2007 ("Agreement").

The following motion was made by Vicki Guntenaar, Interim Secretary, MI DIV. No second was required.

"By recommendation of the Executive committee of Michigan Division of the Woman's National Farm & Garden, the amendment reads as follows":

By and through this First Amendment, the Donor desires, and MSU agrees, to amend the Agreement as follows:

5. The Agreement will clarify and standardize the name of the Donor. The Donor is the Michigan Farm & Garden Foundation Incorporated, AKA Michigan Division of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, Inc., to be referred to as Michigan Division.
6. The Agreement is amended by replacing International 4-H Youth Exchange or IFYE with Michigan 4-H youth participating in 4-H international outbound experiences.

Vote was taken and passed unanimously. There was no opposition.

Mary Schwark went on to explain that there is approximately \$20,000.00 in the current IFYE account for disposition. It was agreed by all that the monies should not be used for other 4-H projects. Our intent was always for the funds to be used for 4-H international outbound experiences. A meeting will be set up in the near future with Amanda Masters and Sally Stuby of the Michigan 4-H Foundation along with our executive committee to come up with a recommendation of disposition of those funds.

Door Prizes were distributed as well as closing remarks from Cinda Schantz and Mary Schwark.

MI Division Business meeting adjourned at 12:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Guntenaar
MI Division Interim Secretary