

THE MICHIGAN FARM & GARDEN FOUNDATION, INC. AKA,
MICHIGAN DIVISION OF THE WOMAN'S FARM AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION, INC.
SPRING COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 24, 2018

Host: Rochester Branch

Location: Cherry Creek Golf Club, Shelby Township, MI

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Schwark at 10:57AM

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Ethel Stepnitz, Rochester Branch

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

114 branch members in attendance:

Bloomfield Hills Branch - 0	Northville Branch - 2
Clarkston Farm & Garden Club - 2	Plymouth Branch - 2
Country Garden Club of Northville - 7	Pontiac Branch - 1
County Downs Branch - 4	Port Huron Garden Club - 0
Franklin Branch - 4	Rochester Branch - 40
Grand Marais Branch - 0	Romeo & Juliet Branch - 4
Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club - 2	Saginaw Branch - 2
Grosse Pointe Park Farm & Garden Club - 4	Springfield Branch - 0
Grosse Pointe Shores Branch - 0	Trailwood Garden Club - 1
Indian Village Branch - 0	Trenton Branch - 0
Lapeer Wildflowers - 4	Troy Garden Club - 27
Milford Branch - 0	Warren Branch - 2
Moonglow Branch - 3	Waterford Branch - 3
	Members-At-Large - 0

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Mary Schwark acknowledged three past presidents in attendance at today's meeting: Kay Engelhart, Molly Hammerle and Rita Urbanski.

All Final 2016-2017 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 October 26, 2017 Fall Council Meeting were approved as written.

CHARITABLE TREASURER, Lenore Treba:

Lenore asked if there were any additions/corrections to the Charitable reports submitted for January 1-December 31, 2017 as well as January 1 to April 30, 2018. Reports were accepted as presented. They will be placed on file.

MI DIVISION TREASURER, Pat Brown:

Pat asked if there were any additions/corrections to the 2017 Year End Division Treasurer's report. Accepted as presented. Report will be placed on file.

Pat also asked for any additions/corrections to MI Division checking account January 1-April 30, 2018. Accepted as presented. Report will be placed on file.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS:

4-H Endowment Report- This report was part of the emailed meeting packet, page 14. The not-yet-completed fiscal year 2017-2018 (July 1, 2017-May 18, 2018) gift totals were at \$14,787.39. See the report for breakdown.

As chairperson of Daffodils4Detroit, Robin Heller reported on the April 18, 2018, luncheon and plans for the future.

Tributes to MI Division members from the Governor of Michigan and MI Division, Mary Schwark and Susan Chambers- Mary and Susan handed out 18 awards to members from 4 Branches (Country Garden Club of Northville, Plymouth, Rochester and Saginaw Branches) for 25+ years as members of MI Division.

Recognition of Branches' Exceptional Projects, Marcia Mandell- Marcia handed out seven awards for exceptional projects to five branches.

1. Clarkston- Downtown Clarkston planter project
2. Country Garden Club of Northville: Children's and adult horticultural projects
3. Rochester: Adult horticultural project as well as their sustainable food movement
4. Troy: Civic beautification project
5. Trenton: Annual fundraiser

Recognition by Michigan Division of the Rochester Branch, Cathy Ford- Cathy, President of the Rochester Branch, gave a brief shout out to their members for all their hard work putting on an exceptional Spring Council Meeting. The centerpieces were all provided on-loan by members of the Rochester branch as well.

President Mary Schwark talked 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 will continue between MI DIV and 4-H.

MI Division Business meeting adjourned at 11:58 A.M.

Annual Meeting of MI Division was called to order at 11:58 A.M.

Adjournment of Annual Meeting at 11:59 A.M.

Introduction of speaker Paul Messing- Charlotte Westbrook
“Avian Adventures at the GM Tech Center”

Closing Remarks- Mary Schwark thanked all the attendees and gave a big thanks to event chairperson Charlotte Westbrook and Rochester Branch for hosting the meeting.

Door prize drawings -Rochester Branch member and meeting registrar Nancy Flasck

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Guntenaar
MI Division Interim Secretary

