

THE MICHIGAN FARM & GARDEN FOUNDATION, INC. AKA,  
MICHIGAN DIVISION OF THE WOMAN'S FARM AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION, INC.  
SPRING COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 22, 2019

Host: Warren Garden Club

Location: The Gazebo Banquet Center, Warren, MI

Members were welcomed by Warren Branch president, Paula O'Brien.

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Schwark at 10:11AM

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Lurline Sears, Warren Garden Club

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

96 branch members in attendance:

Bloomfield Hills Branch - 0	Northville Branch - 1
	Plymouth Branch - 3
	Pontiac Branch - 2
Clarkston Farm & Garden Club - 0	Port Huron Garden Club - 3
Country Garden Club of Northville - 9	Rochester Branch - 10
County Downs Branch - 2	Romeo & Juliet Branch - 2
Franklin Branch - 2	Saginaw Branch - 5
	Springfield Branch - 0
Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club - 1	Trailwood Garden Club - 6
Grosse Pointe Park Farm & Garden Club - 1	Trenton Branch - 0
Grosse Pointe Shores Branch - 2	Troy Garden Club - 21
Indian Village Branch - 4	
Lapeer Wildflowers - 3	Warren Branch - 16
Milford Branch - 0	Waterford Branch - 1
Moonglow Branch - 1	Members-At-Large - 1

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All Final 2018-2019 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 September 26, 2018 Fall Council Meeting were approved as written.

CHARITABLE TREASURER, Lenore Treba:

Lenore asked if there were any additions/corrections to the Charitable reports for Branch donations submitted for January 1-December 31, 2018 and 2017 as well as Charitable Treasurer's report January 1 to December 31, 2018. Charitable report for Branch donations, January 1-April 30, 2019 and 2018 and Charitable Treasurer's report for January 1 to April 30, 2019 were also presented. 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 2018 Year End MI 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, 2019. 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 16. See the report for breakdown.

As chairperson of Daffodils4Detroit, Robin Heller provided a report on the April 17, 2019 luncheon and plans for the future. Her report was presented by Claudia Scioly and is included in your emailed packet, page 17.

Tributes to MI Division members from MI Division, Mary Schwark- Mary and various Branch presidents handed out 23 awards to members from 6 Branches (Lapeer Wildflowers, Northville Garden Club, Plymouth, Rochester, Romeo and Juliet and Warren Branches) for 25+ years as members of MI Division.

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

1. Lapeer - Post office beautification
2. ????
3. Rochester: Adult horticultural therapy project as well as "Inviting wildflowers into our gardens."
4. ????

Registrars Report, Cheryl Malin- Cheryl's report was included in your packet, Page 18. Current membership at 1253, down 75 from last year.

National Council Representatives, Jo Sillanpaa and Charlotte Westbrook- A musical interlude of "Take Me Out to Toronto" was performed by members of Michigan Division Board of Directors.

Recognition by Michigan Division of the Warren Branch, April Everett and Paula O'Brien- Paula, President of the Warren Branch and April gave a brief shout out to their members for all their hard work putting on an exceptional Spring Council Meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There were three changes to bylaws and standing rules that were voted on by the membership.

Vicki Guntenaar, Interim Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors made the following motions. They were all unanimously accepted by the membership as presented.

## BYLAWS – PROPOSED CHANGE

### ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

#### Section 3. Term of Office

##### **CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

All elected officers shall serve a term of two years, or until their successors are elected. Officers shall assume office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected. No officer shall serve two consecutive terms in the same office, with the exception of the Treasurer and the Charitable treasurer, who may serve three consecutive terms.

##### **PROPOSED ACTION # 1 TO AMEND AS FOLLOWS: (NOTE - Actual changes are in larger font & bold type.)**

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## STANDING RULES – PROPOSED CHANGE

III. The Board organization structure, approved October 2012, ...

E. The Treasurer/Finance Chair is responsible to:

**PROPOSED ACTION # 2 TO REMOVE: # 5.** Remit annual donation to Meadow Brook Hall for Presidents' Papers as long as they remain at Meadow Brook Hall.

Explanation: The papers were moved to the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University in 2017, and they are no longer at Meadow Brook Hall. Per the MI DIV parliamentarian, statement # E.- 5. could remain, but retaining the statement could lead to confusion on the part of future MI DIV members who may not be aware of the papers' removal from MBH and subsequent move to CMU.

**(NOTE - Removal of # 5 will result in a change of numbers as follows: Previous numbers 6., 7., & 8. will become 5., 6., & 7., respectively. See PROPOSED ACTION # 3 below.)**

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## STANDING RULES – PROPOSED CHANGE

##### **CURRENT # 6. LANGUAGE:**

6. Remit Pennies for Friendship proceeds to ACWW annually in December.

##### **PROPOSED ACTION # 3 TO AMEND AS FOLLOWS: (NOTE - Actual changes are in larger font and bold type.)**

**5.** Remit Pennies for Friendship proceeds **periodically to WNF&GA, to be sent** to ACWW annually in December.

MI Division Business meeting adjourned at 11:19 A.M.

Annual Meeting of MI Division was called to order at 11:20 A.M.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Nomination of Michigan Division 2019-2021 officers

Slate of officers was presented. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion was made to accept the slate of officers by Cynda Shantz and was seconded by Carol Leonard. Slate of officers was adopted as presented.

President	Sheila Kneeshaw	Indian Village
1st Vice President	Marcia Mandell	Country G. C. of Northville
2nd Vice President	Jo Sillanpaa	Country G. C. of Northville
MI Division Treasurer	Pat Brown	Warren Branch
Charitable Treasurer	Lenore Treba	Troy Garden Club
Secretary	Vicki Guntenaar	Troy Garden Club
Natl. Council Rep	Charlotte Westbrook	Rochester Branch
Natl. Council Rep	Cheryl Malin	Pontiac Garden Club

Adjournment of Annual Meeting at 11:40 A.M.

Invocation followed by Jean DeDecker, Warren Branch, followed by Lunch and Shopping

Introduction of Ann Cline by April Everett, Spring Council Meeting chairperson. Ann's presentation was titled "The Iris".

Special Thanks- Thank you's went out to the Warren Garden Club for hosting the event and April Everett for chairing the meeting. Special thanks to violinist Anna Popovich, Warren Garden Club member and photographer Christina Whan.

Passing of the president's pin and gavel -Mary Schwark passed the President's pin and gavel to Sheila Kneeshaw, incoming Michigan Division President.

Closing remarks- Sheila provided some closing remarks and thanked the Warren Branch for hosting as well as welcoming her new board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Guntenaar  
MI Division Interim Secretary

