

**THE MICHIGAN FARM & GARDEN FOUNDATION, INC. AKA  
MICHIGAN DIVISION OF THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL FARM AND GARDEN  
ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2020**

LOCATION: Conference Call

**Welcome**

Present: Sheila Kneeshaw, Marcia Mandell, Lenore Treba, Pat Brown, Vicki Guntenaar, Charlotte Westbrook, Jo Sillanpaa, Mary Lynne Moellering, Cheryl Malin, Mary Schwark

Meeting called to order at 10:32AM. A quorum was determined.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

**Approval of Minutes of 9/24/2019 board meeting** - Tabled until next meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Daffodil Day Luncheon Update - Mary Schwark**

Event is cancelled, not postponed. There are 200 registered and paid. An email will go out to all registrants asking whether they want a full refund or donate their registration fee to purchase more daffodils.

Claudia Scioly will talk with Penske about their donation.

There was discussion of vendors being able to have email addresses on website to sell their merchandise. A link would need to be created for vendors.

**2. 2020 National Meeting Update - Mary Schwark**

In person meeting is cancelled but the meeting will still take place virtually via webinar on June 6, 2020. Kathy Beveridge is coordinating and members will receive information on how to join meeting.

Full refunds will be provided to all who registered for meeting and bus. No cancellation fee for the bus if done by May 1st. Members are asked to cancel their hotel reservations individually.

Jo Sillanpaa shared that OH was not going to provide baskets for the raffle this year so Country Garden Club of Northville volunteered to do baskets. Troy Garden Club would also put a basket together.

The 2021 National Meeting is scheduled to occur in Louisville June 2-6, 2021.

## **OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Sheila Kneeshaw, President**

All visits to branches have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

### **Pat Brown, MI Division Treasurer**

Pat presented MI Division report. Report will be filed as submitted.

### **Lenore Treba, Charitable Foundation Treasurer**

Lenore presented Charitable Reports. Reports will be filed as submitted.

### **Marcia Mandell, 1st Vice President**

1. **2020 Spring Council Meeting Update** - Sheila asked for a discussion on cancelling this meeting. There will be no deposit ramifications. After discussion a motion was made by Charlotte Westbrook and seconded by Marcia Mandell to cancel the 2020 Spring Council Meeting. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **2020 International Tea Update** - There will not be an International Tea planned for 2020. Contributions can still be made to 4-H. Charlotte Westbrook made the motion to not organize an International Tea for 2020. It was seconded by Pat Brown. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **2020 Fall Council Meeting** - Marcia will contact Milford about their plans to cancel or move forward with the meeting. There was discussion from board members on whether their clubs were cancelling upcoming meetings. Marcia stated that her club had cancelled April meetings. Rochester, Warren and Troy were also cancelled. Cheryl was waiting to hear on Pontiac.

### **Jo Sillanpaa, 2nd Vice President**

- It was decided that Branch awards as well as longevity certificates should be made and distributed even though there will be no Council meeting for in person presentation.
- Cheryl Malin provided the Registrar's report. She reported that we have had new members join. Current member count is 1253. She emails 541 newsletters and printed copies total 714.

- A discussion ensued regarding new members automatically getting the newsletter via email. Vicki Guntenaar made the motion, "Effective immediately, all new members that have the ability to receive the MI Division newsletters via email will do so." Charlotte Westbrook seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Cheryl did state however that she doesn't always get an email address with new members. We will push for that information when they join.
- There was no update from Joette Kunse for the Speaker's Bureau.

**National Delegates, Cheryl Malin and Charlotte Westbrook** - No report at this time.

**Advisor, Newsletter, Events Manager Report - Mary Schwark**

- **2020 Mrs. Tebben's Tea** - This event has not been cancelled yet. More info to come.
- **Summer Newsletter** - Online version only, deadline mid to late June

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Board meeting TBD.

Charlotte let us know that she had her right hip replaced on 2/27. She went to Heartland Rehab and has now been home a week. She is doing well.

**Adjourned at 12:04 pm**

Submitted by Vicki Guntenaar  
Michigan Division Secretary

"The reports which were submitted by officers and other board members were edited only for the purpose of correct spelling, correct punctuation and/or clarification of meaning. There was no correction of substance."