

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

LOCATION: ZOOM 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 1:31PM. A quorum was determined.

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

Approval of Minutes of 9/24/2019 and 3/20/2020 board meetings - Minutes were approved as submitted.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sheila Kneeshaw, President

REPORT NOT COMPLETE YET

Sheila provided some handouts regarding the Dearborn Historical Museum's 70th birthday fundraiser. A discussion was had on whether or not to make a donation. In light of our association with Clara Ford, Lenore Treba made the following motion: **"I make a motion to donate \$70.00 to the Dearborn Historical Museum in honor of their 70th birthday celebration."** Marcia Mandell seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carries with unanimous vote. It was determined that the \$70.00 would be paid out of the President's expense account.

4-H Representative Report - On October 2, 2020, Sheilas was sworn in as the President of the Board of Trustees for the Michigan 4-H Foundation for the term of 2020-2022.

Sheila reported that on March 28, 2020, The Michigan 4-H Board of Trustees, owners and operator of the Kettunen Center in Tustin, MI, made the decision to close and sell the Kettunen Center. The Center was permanently closed on July 1, 2020. The property has been put on the market.

Pat Brown, MI Division Treasurer

Pat presented MI Division report. Report will be amended to reflect change in the Hazel Herring Grant figures.

Lenore Treba, Charitable Foundation Treasurer

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

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND UPDATE - Mary Schwark

Mary reported that the next magazine should be out in March 2021 sometime.

2021 National Meeting- Mary reports that she has been working to cancel the meeting with the hotel. After two months of board discussion, letters and phone calls to hotel, they are not budging on the damage fee of \$7490 if paid before February 1, 2021. Mary asked the Michigan Board if there was anyone that would want to go with COVID-19 still on the uprise and no vaccine yet. We all said we would not want to go.

After Board discussion it seemed that paying the penalty was the way to go. Mary was going to propose to Embassy Suites that if we made payment immediately would they consider a reduction in the \$7490 fee. As National President, Mary stated that she would not take any of the \$3000/year salary for her position which would offset some of the cost.

Vicki Guntenaar made the following motion- **"The MI Division Board of Directors supports the WNF&GA Board to pay damages for hotel for National Meeting, June, 2021 in Louisville, KY."** Charlotte Westbrook seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Marcia Mandell, 1st Vice President

to come

Jo Sillanpaa, 2nd Vice President

- There are no member recognition awards to date. If any are received, 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. Mary Schwark has been making the certificates.
- Cheryl Malin provided the Registrar's report. Current member count is 1241. She emails 548 newsletters and printed copies total 695. She had two mailed copies returned this past mailing. Mary Schwark requests 2 printed copies moving forward.
- There was no update from Joette Kunse for the Speaker's Bureau.

National Delegates, Cheryl Malin and Charlotte Westbrook - TO COME

Advisor, Newsletter, Events Manager Report - Mary Schwark - TO COME

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next ZOOM Board meeting TBD.

Adjourned at 3:33 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."