

HOGS Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2007

Attendance: Sara Tanis, Emma Bradford, Travis Stegmeir, Greg Lang, Kristin Getter, Aaron Warsaw, Matt Blanchard, Ajay Nair, Ryan Warner, Matt Ross, Mike Von Weihe, Theoharis Ouzounis, Linsey Newton, Kate Long, Nobuko Sugimoto

Dues

Please pay dues to Wendy Klooster. They are \$10 for the year or \$5 per semester.

HOGS Degree Completion Scholarship

HOGS is going to raise the degree completion scholarship \$2 to match the increase the graduate school has imposed.

Horticulture Seminar Course (HRT 894) Update

The seminar on extension in horticulture will be offered in the spring. Dr. Ngougio and Dr. Runkle will be teaching it and plan on putting together a syllabus this semester. If you are interested in taking the seminar, please sign up early so they can have an idea of what day and time the class might be able to meet a little earlier.

Officer Updates

- ◆ Sara (GPC Rep.) – Just a reminder that you should sign up for classes early, so that a class you want to take is not cancelled due to low enrollment. The GPC may want HOGS help in putting together some type of field day for new graduate students.
- ◆ Matt Blanchard (Faculty Rep.) – The brochure for the Horticulture Graduate Program is coming together and HOGS will have a hard copy to look over in a month or two
- ◆ Matt Ross (Hort. Club Rep.) – The Hort Club camping trip to Traverse City is the weekend of September 29th. All HOGS are invited to join them.

Upcoming Opportunities or Events

- ◆ Dr. Poff has asked if we are interested with helping in the gardens at the Nokomis Learning Center in Okemos. HOGS is considering helping establish the gardens, but more information will be obtained from him to determine exactly what the expectations are
- ◆ Wendy is still looking into a possible trip to the MSU Museum
- ◆ Sara is going to organize a pumpkin carving contest open to the whole department
- ◆ HOGS is considering designing a departmental T-shirt