

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
Date January 9, 2013
Members Present: 38

Meeting was called to order by President, Kris Jensen at 9:30am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for October 09, 2012 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report for December 2012 was given by Treasurer, Linda Pawlak and approved as read.

Annual Meeting Results

- Annual Organization Status Report and elections were presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell.
- Sandy Manning spoke to the budget approval for 2013.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer and Ed Kraus reported:
 - Date is May 18th.
 - **Plant Sale Orientation Meeting** will be on 1/24 at 6:30pm at the Milw Extension Office.
 - Working with Carlin for supplies, check the website for updates to scheduled activities and information: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg/perennial-plant-sale/>
- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
 - 480 seasoned gardeners have paid dues for 2013. There are 120 members who have not paid. 125 in-training members have paid dues. Non dues paying members cannot vote and have to pay extra for training programs.
- Garden Support – Mary Thiele reported:
 - Master Gardener Volunteer Fair & Educational Program, **Saturday, January 19, 2013 9:30am – approx 12:30pm, at the MCCE.**
Everyone is welcomed to the Volunteer Forum, however the Education Program is limited to registered guests. The Volunteer Opportunity Fair is for all Master Gardeners and Master Gardeners-in-training to have an opportunity to meet with all available garden chairs representing their gardens. They will have pictures, information and answer questions. The garden presentations will be arranged by area so that you may easily choose those near your home if you wish.
 - Garden Support Spring Forum will be March 14, 2013, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m, at the MCCE.
- In-House Education – Kathleen Hochevar reported:
 - Educational Program - Mike Yanny's Native Plants in Landscaping, Saturday, January 19th at 11:00am.
 - She needs assistance with different activities involved with this committee. Contact Kathleen if you are interested. Also looking for a co-chair if you are interested.
- Bus Trip – Doris Fons reported:
 - Chicago Flower Show, Friday March 15, 2013, sign up will begin on January 15th, 2013
 - There will be a July trip and Jerry Nelson's tour the end of May.
- Home Show - Faouzi Kablaoui reported:
 - The Realtors' Home & Garden Show will be March 15 to March 24, 2013. Closed on Monday and Tuesday, the 18th & 19th.
 - Each shift will have 3 or 4 MGVs. All shifts will have a Master Gardner-in-Training.
 - 66 shifts versus 80 last year, 12 shifts still open as of this meeting.

- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - They will be at the Volunteer Fair.
 - Currently have 5-6 presentations booked.
- Sunshine:
 - Mary Redlinger will be assisting Judy with mailing cards.
- Other
 - Linda Ziebell reported that we received thank you letters from the Brookfield Farmers Market, Milwaukee Department of Parks, and the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens for the support the organization gave them in 2012.

New Business

- Sharon Morrisey, Horticulture Agent/Educator, in her absence, Nancy Lehrer reported:
 - Speakers Workshop, 1/12 may be cancelled, watch for emails.
 - Volunteer Celebration, will be Wednesday February 27, 2013 – 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at The First Congregational Church – 1511 Church Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.
 - Education focus for 2013 will be 'Caring for Trees'.
 - Level 2 Training will be in spring at Boerner's education room.
 - Nancy is looking for presenter on 2/25 for the Clover Nook Garden Club with the topic of herbs.
- Group discussed the need for guidelines for non-paying members that can be used by In-House Education and Trips committees. Bill Shaffer suggested the Board of Directors take this issue and Fred Redlinger accepted it.
- Nancy Lehrer will check SEWMG mailbox 2 times a week and send emails to recipients if mail looks to be important (1st class mail).

Announcements:

- **Next meeting is on February 13th at 9:30 at the Milw Extension office.**
- Waukesha meetings will be in March, July and Sept, the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 9:30.
- Past Long Term Planning committee members should contact Kris Jensen.
- Contact Lee Ann Dukes if you are looking for specific spring clothing.

Adjourned at 10:25am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary