

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes  
Date February 8, 2012

**Members Present: 33**

**Meeting was called to order** by President Dan Cummings at 9:30 am.

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for January 11, 2012 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell. These minutes for Programs were revised by Kathy Hochevar as follows: There won't be a March Mixer in 2012. It will be replaced by another event, perhaps called Spring into Spring. The April program will be a morning (or evening) meeting in at the Waukesha County Cooperative Extension. There may be other evening or Saturday programs hosted in Waukesha County.

Prior meeting minutes were approved.

Thanks you letters were received from Friends of Boerner, Schlitz Audubon Nature Center and the Hunger Task Force for support and/or contributions form our organization.

**Treasurer's Report** for January 2012 was given by Acting Treasurer, Jan Schumacher in Patty Witt's absence. Report totals need to be reconciled with bank statements. Receipts and Disbursements were presented. The bank account has been switched to a non-profit account type and on-line banking has been established.

**Old Business**

- In House Education – Peg Fleury and Kathleen Hochevar reported:
  - Last one, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> was very successful. If you are attending the next one on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> you should have should have received an email or phone call that you are signed up.
  - Kathy has a request to have it in the auditorium and broadcasted in the cafeteria via a television set. And to have it video taped. She and Peg are trying to address these items.
  - They are working diligently to meet the challenges of getting more people into programs along with room limit constraints. They have teamed up with the Garden Support Group so that the March 27 program will be on the same date as the Volunteer Fair. This one will need registration.
  - Doris discussed fees for auditorium and speaker fees. Boerner multi media room holds more people – a possibility. Doris suggested perhaps an attendee fee for programs that require room fees to cover costs.
  - April 18<sup>th</sup> program will be at Waukesha, on Wed. at 9:30am. Theresa Monahan from New Genesis Farm will be speaking on how what you eat and grow affects your health.
  - Judy Williamson requested a waitlist when program registration is filled.
  
- Educational Tours – Doris Fons reported:
  - 2/25 Domes Tour has 75 people signed up.
  - 3/16 Chicago Flower Show has a wait list.

- Garden Support – Mary Thiele reported:
  - On 3/15 there is a garden chair forum, Spring into Action in room 414, 6:30pm - 8:30 pm. New slide show of this year's plants. This meeting is for Co-chairs and everyone is invited.
  - On 3/27, Tues, the Volunteer Fair, 'Think Green', will be in the lobby at Milw extension office, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Also Heidi Hornung, from Shady Lane Greenhouse, will be presenting a program at 7:30-8:30pm. Heidi is requesting that attendees bring food pantry items. The Volunteer Fair is an opportunity for all MG's to see all the MG gardens displays. It offers an opportunity to sign up to work at the gardens.
  - They are looking to put together a flower tour of project gardens similar to the vegetable tour last year.
  
- Finance – no update
  
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - Displays will be at plant sale and state fair garden.
  - Their committee has a lot of new comers.
  - Each meeting has an educational section so everyone is learning.
  
- Plant Sale – Dan reported:
  - A calendar of events will be forth coming.
  - Let the plant sale committee know if anyone one wants to have a dig this spring.
  - List of accepted plants is still being worked on.
  - Judy Schmidt will be sending out an email looking for volunteers who will have potting kits at their home so they could be picked up by fellow gardeners. She is coordinating this effort and is looking for locations in the northern and western areas.

Judy Williamson says that the plant website has information available – plant list and dates and is always up to date.
  
- Home Show – Faouzi Kablaoui stated he needs a shift captain on 3/29, Thurs from 6pm-9pm. All other slots are filled.

### **New Business**

- Consumer Horticulture Agent, Sharon Morrissey stated:
  - Will be doing an education program 3/7, Wed at 6:30pm in Rm 414 at Milw Extension Office. The topic is lawn care – Your Lawn, Your Choice. A new brochure will be available with a new lawn fertilization schedule.
  - New brochure will be on display at the home show, master gardener presentations and in the new display in the lobby of the Milw UW Extension Office.
  - Working on multiple documents that address new fertilization information and condensing into an educational brochure. Discussed new scheduled. Look for new brochure for further details and/or attend the education program.
  
- Consumer Horticulture Agent, Ann Wied stated:

- Next meeting is in Waukesha. Go through Court House entrance and look for signs to meeting room. Remember to leave your metal at home; you need to go through security.
- Master Composter Training is on 3/24, Sat, at the Retzer Nature Center. Focus is on those who want to teach others to learn.
- Pruning Workshop is on 3/31, Sat from 9am-noon at Mount Mary College
- Volunteer Celebration – Mike Maddox and the UW Extension ANRE Assistant Program Leader, Dave Williams will be attending. It's on 2/29, Wed, at 6:30pm at the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church in Wauwatosa. RSVP by 2/21.
- Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Lehrer reported:
  - Greendale school district needs presenter for organic gardening on 3/3, Sat. Volunteer can speak or present a display and answer questions.
  - Neighborhood house on 27<sup>th</sup> and Richardson Pl (27<sup>th</sup> and Wis) is looking for volunteers to work with kids or maintain gardens. Have property out in Dousman also that is looking for help. Contact Nancy if you are interested.
- Other
  - Judy Schmidt brought her favorite tool, the Cobra Head; it's on the web for \$29.99 or at [www.cobrahead.com](http://www.cobrahead.com).
  - Marcia Zientek says you can also get the Cobra Head at garden shows – Madison or Chicago.
  - Doris Fons provided 2012 Klehm's Song Sparrow catalogs.
  - Sharon Morrissey informed us that there is a Winter Carnival tree walk this weekend at the Lyden Sculpture Garden and Havenwood has a festival on 2/18 that is looking for volunteer (hours count).
  - Judy Schmidt is attending a Day Lilly Walk meeting. If you would like to help out let her know.
  - Sharon Morrissey talked about the new glass display that is in the lobby of the Milw UW Extension office. Check it out, it will change every month. And, a new rotating literature rack.

### **Announcements:**

- Madison Garden show this weekend – good education hours
- MG Celebration – February 29<sup>th</sup>,
- Next Business Meeting in Waukesha on 3/14 at 9:30am
- Home and Garden Show on March 23 – April 1