

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
Date February 13, 2013
Members Present: 31

Meeting was called to order by President, Kris Jensen at 9:32am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2013 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report for January 2013 was given by Treasurer, Lindy Pawlak and approved as read.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer reported:
 - The organization meeting held on 1/24 was well attended including new members.
 - The team is looking at having a special plant similar to the tree peony that was sold last year. It may be a unique rose which is still to be determined.
 - The next meeting is 3/7 for groups that will have specialty plant sale training.
 - Check the website for updates to scheduled activities and information:
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg/perennial-plant-sale/>
- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
 - Greeters have been scheduled through June.
- Garden Support – Patty Witt reported:
 - The Master Gardener Volunteer Fair & Educational Program, held on Saturday, January 19, had 175 attendees and 41 gardens/projects represented, 38 master gardeners in training attended.
 - The Garden Support Spring Forum will be March 14, 2013, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m, at the MCCE, where Sue Donohoe will be discussing natives.
- In-House Education – no updates provided
- Bus Trip – Doris Fons reported:
 - Chicago Flower Show, Friday March 15, 2013, will have 2 buses, Sharon Roy is collecting fee, and there is a waiting list.
 - Jerry Nelson's tour will be on 5/29. Registration will begin on 4/10 and you can sign up at the business meeting that day. Topic will be growing grapes and unique containers.
 - The July bus trip will be on 7/19 to Sheboygan's Bookworm Gardens and Christopher Farm and Gardens.
- 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.
 - All shifts are filled.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Presented a program at the South East Hosta Society meeting.
 - Had a table display at the West Allis Health Department's Women's health form.
 - Has 5 programs scheduled through April.
- Sunshine – Mary Redlinger reported:
 - Mailed 3 cards last month.
 - She is collecting frozen dinners for Ruth Marshall who will be having back surgery this month. Bring them to the SEWMGV Volunteer Celebration on Wednesday February 27, 2013.

New Business

- Sharon Morrisey, Horticulture Agent/Educator reported:
 - Provided update on emerald ash bore reported in Greendale.
 - Discussed UW-Cooperative legislative bus trip for Milwaukee county residents on 4/9.
 - She has been using the excel time sheets for her reports. A new version will be coming out that will be MAC compatible. Old one will be discontinued. And, the state version should not be used.
 - As always, you can contact her as needed, but she will be very busy doing presentation and programs in the coming months.
 - Education focus will be TLC for trees.
 - There are new initiatives for UW- Extension: Composting with Kids, Victory Gardens and Youth Gardens with 4-H.
 - Level 2 Training will be full and have a waiting list.
 - 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. Theme is 'Sow the Seeds and Let Knowledge Grow'. RSVP to Sharon.
- Doris Fons shared gifting ideas provided by nmimpressions.com. Items can be purchased individually or in quantity.
- Nancy Lehrer informed us the Rain Garden Brochure has been revised and we should watch for emails for speaker requests.

Announcements:

- **Next meeting is on March 13th at 9:30am at the [Waukesha County UW-Extension](#),** 515 West Moreland Blvd., AC G22, Waukesha.
- Judy Schmidt will be sending information out for Bonsai Society events.
- Long Term Planning committee will be meeting this summer to review past and future goals. Kris is looking for an experienced MGV who was not on this committee in the past and a new MGV.

Adjourned at 10:35am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary