

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes  
Date March 13, 2012

**Members Present: 30**

**Meeting was called to order** by President Dan Cummings at 9:31am.

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for February 8, 2012 was presented by Mary Redlinger in the absence of Secretary, Linda Ziebell. They were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report** for February 2012 was given by Treasurer, Patty Witt and approved as read.

**Old Business**

- Committees
  - In House Education – Kathleen Hochevar reported:
    - On the necessity for registration for meetings in the future so the committee knows how big of room to reserve.
    - They will be compiling a survey (possibly electronic) regarding what programs are desired, combined with other activities, other venues/spots if groups are larger than 125, and interests, ect.
    - Reminder about 3/27 program at 7:30pm at Milwaukee Extension Office and 4/18 in Waukesha at 9:30am.
- Educational Tours – Doris Fons reported:
  - 2/25 Domes Tour was well received
  - 3/31 Jerry Nelson
  - 7/20 Tour including Rotary Gardens
- Garden Support – Mary Thiele reported:
  - Garden Forum meeting to be held after today's business meeting.
  - On 3/27, Tues, the Volunteer Fair, 'Think Green'.
  - Looking for gardens to tour similar to the vegetable garden.
  - Today they are deciding which projects will be having displays.
- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer and Patty Witt reported:
  - Patty is working on scheduling all the digs and they will begin 4/11. And kit making will be on 4/14 at Eble.
  - There are still a few slots open for pot-a-thons.
  - The storage unit workday is 3/26, Saturday.
  - The 3/30 tentative meeting has been cancelled.
  - The people that are currently on a wait list for the fall MG classes will possibly come to help at pot-a-thons.
  - Plant sale is Sat, 5/19 and Mon, 5/21.
- Home Show – Faouzi Kablaoui reported:
  - Info was sent on 3/10 for those working various shifts.
  - Orientation for volunteers is Thurs, 3/22 at 10am.
  - Setup is 3/21 and take-down is 4/1.

- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - Discussed presentation for Waukesha.
  - State Fair will have a vertical garden and will be semi-permanent. Discussion of suggestions.
- Website – Judy Williamson
  - Several people said they have used the new form for reporting volunteer hours and like it.
- Other
  - Sandy Manning reminded us that April 1<sup>st</sup> is the newsletter deadline.

### **New Business**

- Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Lehrer reported:
  - She has been getting a lot of requests for presentations.
- Consumer Horticulture Agent, Sharon Morrissey and Ann Wied stated:
  - Reminder of the Compost Workshop on 3/24 and the Pruning Workshop on 3/31.
  - Held a brief Recognition Party for those who were unable to attend on 2/29.

### **Announcements:**

- Mary Thiele thanked Sharon and Ann for all that they do.
- Judy Schmidt made an announcement that Boerner needs help with various garden chores and not weeding. A meeting has been setup on 4/3 to inform those interested of what this will entail. Sharon stressed the importance of this since we have been trying to offer more assistance in the Botanical Gardens.
- Next meeting will be held at MCCE on 4/11 at 9:30am.

**Adjourned:** at 10:40am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary and Mary Redlinger