

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date April 09, 2014

Members Present: 32

Meeting was called to order by President, Diane Thieme at 9:30am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2014 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report for March 2014 was given by Lindy Pawlak and approved as read.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer reported:
 - Had good crews at the trailer and Carlin work days.
 - Pot-a-thons have been scheduled and sent out to listserv.

- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - The next meeting is today after the business meeting.
 - 9 gardens will be visited this year.
 - Looking for a chair for the garden open house event for 2014.
 - The Garden Chair Forum on 3/20 had 40 plus attendees. Info provided to chairs should be shared with garden volunteers.

- In-House Education - Joy Towell reported:
 - Registration for the Milwaukee City Green House Tour on 4/26 has been sent out.
 - Sept 27 – Roof Top Basics, Oct 21 - Herbs at Brookfield Library at 6:30, Nov is being worked on.

- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
 - Jerry Nelson's home tour is Wed, 5/28, signup info will be in the newsletter and an email will be sent to the listserv.
 - July 18th bus trip to Green Bay Botanical Gardens and West of the Lake Gardens in Manitowoc. Look for an announcement in the newsletter and an email before registration begins.

- Special Events – Sharon Morrisey reported:
 - Home Show: Faouzi will be statistics report.
 - Art in Bloom: Had a good turnout, event attendance on Monday was double compared to last year. They will be looking for additional signage for next year.

- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Committee will be presenting 1 program and 6 displays in the Milwaukee, Madison and Janesville areas through August.
 - Committee is working with the plant sale committee to offer personal shopping assistance and advice in plant selection for our physically challenged customers at the plant sale.
 - Next meeting May 3, at 10:00am at the SEWMGA storage facility at 11122 West Lincoln Av West Allis. They will be reviewing the LLG equipment collection and sharing knowledge of each tool's enabling features. All members are welcome to attend.

- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported:
 - Email for next order was sent out to listserv.
 - Presenting samples at Level 2 training and this business meeting.

- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - Sue Brown's husband is critically ill.

- WIGMA – no updates
- IT Committee – Ben Rucka reported:
 - Next meeting is 4/15 at 6:30pm at the coffee house on 68th & State.
 - Discussed listserv email issues. Test emails sent to a Road Runner and a Gmail account were received by both.
 - Some members with both accounts noticed Road Runner delivery to be hours later than Gmail.
 - If you notice issue, provide date, time and description to Ben so he can continue to research issue.
- Outreach Committee – Ann Wied reported:
 - Committee has 6 members and is looking for chair to coordinate meetings, etc.
 - First efforts will be contacting organizations in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties to offer educational programs such as container gardening and vegetables and they will include MG program purpose and description to make them aware of what the organization does. Plan to have 3-4 set up this summer before Level 1 training.
 - Suggests putting MG program info in other MG presentations
- At Large Board Member – Diane Thieme reported:
 - Board members voted an interim At Large board member to replace Carla through the end of this year. Mary Korntved has accepted this position.
- Tree for Carla Magnus – Patty Witt reported:
 - 2 trees and hostas will be planted in her honor at Boerner with the \$840 dollars collected from SEWMG members.

New Business

- Annual Picnic – Diane Thieme
 - Group finalized that the location will be Mitchell Park Pavilion in Brookfield (same as last year). Date will be 8/21 or 8/20. Time will be late afternoon/evening, same as last year. There will be better signage to find location this year.
- Requests – Diane Thieme
 - Discussed West Allis's request for MG to assist their beautification committee with ideas for area gardens. This won't be a project or funded by SEWMG, but will count as volunteer hours. Diane will ask the West Allis Mayor to send a request letter to Sharon so it can be handled like other requests.
- East Side Garden Tour – Diane Thieme
 - Tour will be on 7/27 and start at the North Point Light House. Jerry Nelson, Barb Netzlow and Marlene Jaglinski will be at a plant advising table and need other volunteers to assist.
- Nancy Lehrer – Volunteer Coordinator reported:
 - March, April and May are busy with presentations.
 - May starts Farmer Markets, Greenfield FM is looking for speakers.
 - GE is looking for a volunteer for a kid's activity for their bring your kid to work event.
 - Nancy needs a 2 week lead time for handout requests.
 - Mandatory Child Abuse training needs to be done by 8/15. Contact Nancy or Ann if you need to do your training at one of the extension offices.

- Sharon Morrisey, Horticulture Agent/Educator, reported:
 - Discussed brown out on wintergreens and rodent damage.
 - Discussed 11 continuing education opportunities.
 - When listening to WISPR's Larry Mueller show, continuing education hours can be counted when the guest speaker is from the UW system. This is a SEWMG requirement.
 - Discussed volunteer activities: Fox 6 garden, Victory Garden Initiative, Garden & POCA, West Lawn Housing.
- Thank You's
 - Linda presented a thank you from the UW Foundation for \$1,500 to the Master Gardener Program fund.

Announcement & Reminders:

- Kay Costello discussed the Relay for Life on 7/25/14. Contact her if you want to be on her team.
- **Next Meeting is 5/21/14, 9:30 at Boerner. Note the date is 1 week after usual date due to the plant sale.**

Adjourned at 10:52am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary