

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date April 10, 2013

Members Present: 36

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

Prior Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2013 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell and approved as read.

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

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Ed Kraus reported:
 - Carlin Supply workday is 4/15.
 - Pot-a-thon schedule has been published. If you are interested in having one contact Patty. At this time, the schedule is slim.
 - Diane discussed the special plants to be sold. Three and four year old magnolia trees and various shrubs will be sold at 50% less than retail price. The group discussed whether plant tags should be ordered and the consensus was yes.
 - Training for some plant sale day tally/cash and sales assistants roles will be done Wed evening, 5/15, before the plant sale.
 - A handout of the Encouraged Plant List was provided.
 - Check the website for updates to scheduled activities and information:
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg/perennial-plant-sale/>
- Garden Support – Patty Witt reported:
 - The next meeting is Wed, 5/29 at the Milw Extension Office.
 - The committee is planning a summer garden walk on 9/14 and is looking for gardens to tour. Contact the committee if you would like to volunteer your MG approved garden.
 - Committee will be visiting 11 gardens this year to assist with approved garden signage, stakes and answer questions garden chairs may have.
- In-House Education – Kris informed the group that no programs are scheduled until autumn.
- Bus Trip – Doris Fons reported:
 - Jerry Nelson's tour will be on 5/29. Sign up available on meeting including name and time.
 - The July bus trip will be on 7/19 to Sheboygan's Bookworm Gardens which is next to Sheboygan's extension office. And, Christopher Farm and Gardens which is owned by the former Pampered Chef owner.
- Home Show - Faouzi Kablaoui had no updates:
 - Number of visitors to booth – 6,696/101 per shift. This is less than last year which is due to the reduced hours of the show.
 - Lots of interest in lawns and tree pruning.
 - Feedback indicated that the booth was organized and the information valuable.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Out of 4 programs scheduled in March, 2 took place. Sauk County canceled and Retzer Nature Center canceled the program due to lack of attendance without notifying the group.
 - They will be at Allen Centennial Garden on 5/11, 2 garden tours this summer and the plant sale.
 - Their group will continue to support requests from Milwaukee and Waukesha county, and UW extension.
- Sunshine – Mary Redlinger reported:
 - Judy Savage is recuperated and can take on Sunshine tasks.

New Business

- Sharon Morrisey, Horticulture Agent/Educator reported:
 - Looking for MG volunteers for the Victory Garden project where you mentor vegetable gardeners helping them plant and assist with ongoing support. The newsletter has info.
 - Plant Health Advisors will be at Boerner, Milwaukee and Waukesha Extension offices.
 - Seed starting will be covered at the Volunteer Celebration, will be Wednesday 4/10, 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'.
 - The Fox6 Green Thumb garden will begin to air segments on 4/22. The beds were cleaned and turned over and some things planted last week.
 - Will be going to Vegetation of Wisconsin training using SEWMG funds to allow her to attend.
- Nancy Lehrer, Volunteer Coordinator reported:
 - Will be sending out speaking event requests.
 - Art in Bloom will be Thurs – Sun, 4/11-14.
 - Attending a program presented by a MG counts as continuing education hours.
 - Contact Nancy for approved garden handouts.
- Linda Ziebell provided an update on the annual picnic location. Several sites were considered. The site selected is Mitchell Park in Brookfield which includes the Strohmaier Sculpture and Botanical Garden: <http://www.wilson-center.com/visual/sculpture-garden.php>. The August date (8/21 or 22) and time will be announced later. A hot entrée will be provided and attendees should bring a dish to pass. Adult beverages will be allowed.
- Judy Williamson updated the attendees on the annual holiday party. A new location has been negotiated that is willing to accommodate our group. Location is the Doubletree on Bluemound Rd, Brookfield (180th and Bluemound). The date is 12/4.
- Judy provided an updated on the task and responsibilities of what the UW extension folks do for our group. It will be made available on the website.
- Lee Ann had sample spring clothing. Send her your order by April 26th.
- Diane Thieme announced that the Eastside Milwaukee Community Council will be having a garden tour of east side gardens, including the North Point Lighthouse Master Gardener sponsored garden, on Sunday, July 28th, from 10-4. MG's are needed to work at the site, and garden vendors are being sought. Contact Diane Thieme.

Announcements:

- **Next meeting is on May 8 at 9:30am at the MCCE.**

Adjourned at 10:24am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary