

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date May 21, 2014

Members Present: 23

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

Prior Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2014 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell and approval was provisional due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer's Report for April 2014 was given by Lindy Pawlak and approval was provisional due to lack of quorum.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer reported:
 - Sale was a huge success and best run plant sale. It was the best attended by Master Gardeners, about 140 workers.
 - Pot-a-thons attendance was up to 40 workers.
 - Kay Costello mentioned that the process of healing plants in at Eble the previous fall assisted sale with a good number of plants. Patty said we will do that again this year.
 - Left over plants went to Habit for Humanity.
 - Post Mortem meeting will be announced later.
- Garden Support – Patty Witt reported:
 - 9 gardens will be visited this year.
 - There will not be a garden open house event in 2014. Will plan for next year.
- In-House Education - Diane Thieme reported:
 - The Milwaukee City Green House Tour was well received.
 - Possible future date for plant sale folks who couldn't make it.
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
 - Jerry Nelson's home tour is Wed, 5/28, has a couple of cancellations. Contact Doris.
 - Sign up for the July 18th bus trip to Green Bay Botanical Gardens and West of the Lake Gardens in Manitowoc, will begin 6/11 at 9:30am at the business meeting.
- Special Events – Diane Thieme reported:
 - State Fair is next event. Doris suggests a committee be formed to handle organizing special events. DNR will be making some changes. Nancy Dubyk is coordinating with composting, natives and butterfly garden.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Committee will be presenting programs and displays in the Milwaukee, Madison and Janesville areas through August. The committee's membership is growing, now over 15 members.
 - Committee was well represented at the plant sale, assisting new, busy and/or challenged gardeners. Easy Care labeled plants were a great help.
 - Discussion on the wheel chair accessible table at State Fair.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported:
 - Last order had 151 items purchased, 40 in Waukesha and 49 in Milwaukee.
 - Pickup at the last class of Level 2 training was successful, and members were notified directly of items to be picked up.
 - Betty informed us that the next order will be this summer for fall clothing items. Look for it in the future.

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- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - Sue Brown would appreciate cards as her husband passed.
 - Suggests shifts and set up arrangements for plant sale workers to help members.
 - Kay Costello informed us that the Relay for Life team, Gardeners for the Cure's funds will help support our organization's members.
- Technology
 - Nancy Lehrer informed us that Sharon was working on the listserv issue today, so wasn't attending this meeting. Contact extension if you don't want to be on the listserv or you want a different email address. One email per person is allowed.
- Annual Picnic – Diane Thieme
 - Date is Thursday, 8/21.
 - Location is Mitchell Park Pavilion in Brookfield (same as last year).
 - Time - appetizers at 5pm, hot food served at 6pm.
 - Food – main entrée provided by officers and members bring a dish to pass.
- West Allis request – Diane Thieme
 - Has received letter from the Mayor of West Allis and will forward it on to Sharon. This won't be a project or funded by SEWMG, but will count as volunteer hours.

New Business

- Nancy Lehrer – Volunteer Coordinator reported:
 - Email address discussed during Technology.
 - Have handouts for garden chairs.
 - Has MG volunteer assistance in the office and they are working on State Fair handouts.
 - Handouts may have different paper due to ordering restrictions.
- Invites / Thank-you's
 - Linda presented invites for the Department of Horticulture Symposium from the UW and the In the Gardens event from the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens.
 - Thank-you's from UW Extension for SEWMG donations and the scholar recipient attending UW-Stevens Point.

Announcements

- East Side Garden Tour is on 7/27 and starts at the North Point Light House. Consider working at the plant advising table.
- News letter items due to Sandy Manning by 6/1.
- Trees donated on behalf of Carla Magnus have had their donation plaques put on.
- Plant Health Update training is on every other Wed at the Milw Ext office from 2:30-4pm thru Sept. Everyone is invited to attend.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 6/11/14, 9:30 at Boerner.**

Adjourned at 10:40am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary