

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date June 12, 2013

Members Present: 24

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

Prior Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2013 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell and approval was provisional due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer's Report for May 2013 was given by Treasurer, Lindy Pawlak and approval was provisional due to lack of quorum.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer provide some highlights:
 - The plant sale was successful even with no TV coverage and the late spring.
 - Number of customers 841, 150 less than last year.
 - The special shrubs and trees where a huge success - \$1,400 profit.
 - Habitat for Humanity picked up less than 1,000 plants.
 - The leadership team had a post mortem meeting and will have a general post mortem meeting in July. A list serv invite will be issued.
 - Leadership team has a list of at least 10 improvements for next year's sale. If you would like to suggest a specialty plant like the shrubs and trees we had this year, contact Diane Thieme.
- Garden Support – Patty Witt reported:
 - The committee is currently visiting gardens.
 - The garden tour is canceled for this year.
- In-House Education
 - No education scheduled until fall.
- Bus Trip – Kris on behalf of Doris reported:
 - The July bus trip will be on 7/19 to Sheboygan's Bookworm Gardens & Christopher Farms. Trip attendees will be receiving letters this week. There is a waiting list.
- State Fair - Faouzi Kablaoui reported:
 - There are 28 slots to be filled. Fazouzi will be sending out a letter to the list serv.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - There was a LifeLong gardening display at Allen Centennial Garden in Madison on 5/11 and the plant sale on 5/18.
 - There will be 2 community garden displays in July and they are planning the state fair display.
 - The Waukesha County Parks Dept sounds interested in developing an enabling garden at Eble Park in Brookfield. This is a future effort that will not occur this or next year.
 - The committee plans to be part of the Plant Sale team next year by extending the life long gardening component including assisting and educate handicapped customers.
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - Judy met our scholarship recipient at the Allen Centennial Garden where she is an intern.
 - Cards are appreciated for Marilyn Cech and Cari John.

New Business

- John Hahn reported:
 - State Conference in Janesville 8/16-17, check out the website for registration.
 - WIGMA's monthly board meeting is June 13th. This year's goal is to obtain uniformity and similarity of the 48 master gardener groups within the state.
 - Their annual budget is \$50,000 which is mostly used for giving grants.

- Nancy Lehrer, Volunteer Coordinator reported:
 - Provided Iris handouts for garden chairs.
 - She continues to handle speaker requests, and is working on level 1 and state fair documents.
 - Sharon is not able to attend today due to meetings and she will be in training next week attending a Wisconsin vegetation class which she is able to pay for with the funds provided by SEWMG.
 - UW Extension received a \$100 gift from Mary Voelker of Lake Park Friends. As the check is issued to UW Extension Sharon will process it so that it benefits SEWMG.
- Linda Ziebell said the organization received thank you letters for SEWMG's contributions to the University of Wisconsin Extension: Urban Agriculture - \$1,500, office wide education programs - \$5,000 and Consumer Horticulture - \$1,500.

Announcement & Reminders:

- **Next meeting is on July 10, 9:30am at Waukesha.**
- Fred Redlinger reminds garden chairs to watch their budget. If you are over your budget, there may not be funds if you request more dollars. Our budget is \$80,000 and our revenue is \$40,000.
- Dan Cummings announced that the Hosta Society is looking for MGV's to assist at their convention's meet and greet tour of Radler's garden on Thurs, Fri and Sat this week. These hours do not count as volunteer hours for SEWMG.
- Annual Picnic will be 8/22 at Mitchell Park in Brookfield. Time: 3PM begin setup, 5:30 hot entrée served. Bring a dish to pass. Requested 5-6 people to assist with setup.
- Diane Thieme announced that the Eastside Milwaukee Community Council's garden tour on Sunday 7/28, from 10-4 is up to 24 gardens, 10-12 vendors, Alderman bike tour at 10am starting at the Urban Ecology Center. There will be a Milwaukee Journal interview and story.
- Bill Shaffer recommended that the board of directors discuss list serv protocol and provide rules and guidelines for its use.
- Kay Costello is looking for an outrageous garden décor item that you can loan to her for 3 weeks that is used for the Cancer Relay for Life fund raiser. Contact her if interested.
- Kris Jensen announced that Windows into Wauwatosa will be on 6/22 from 10am to 4pm. Lowell Damon House will be included and will be staffed by MGV's.

Adjourned at 10:28am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary