

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date June 13, 2012

Members Present: 17

Meeting was called to order by President Dan Cummings at 9:36am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for May 09, 2012 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell and approved as read.

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

Old Business

Committees

- Bus Trip – In Doris Fons absence, Dan reported:
 - The Jerry Nelson tour had approx 30 attendees with great weather.
 - The July 20th Bus Trip Allen Centennial Garden, Song Sparrow and Rotary Garden is full. Can request to be on the waiting list.
- Garden Support – Dan reported for Mary Thiele:
 - Garden walks are scheduled: 6/23 10am to 2pm, Kneeland-Walker House, Ronald McDonald House Secret Garden, Sussex Outreach Services; 6/25 4pm to 8pm, Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital, Ten Chimneys Historic Landmark, Pewaukee Public Library Rain Garden.
 - Flyers have been distributed for the garden tours.
 - Next garden support meeting is scheduled for 7/11.
- Plant Sale – Patty Witt reported:
 - The plant sale had a great weather day and it went well.
- Life Long Gardening – Mary Redlinger reported:
 - The group met last week and the next meeting will be Wednesday September 5, 2012 – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Linden Grove.
 - There will be presentations in June and July.
 - They will be at State Fair and the Sept Harvest Fair.
- State Fair - Faouzi Kablaoui reported:
 - Looking for 26 more shifts to be filled & will send email out requesting help.
 - Volunteers must be certified Master Gardeners.
- Website – Judy Williamson reported:
 - The approved and purchased Adobe Acrobat is a welcomed addition to managing website documents.
 - Judy distributed the responsibilities document to UW Extension folks for their review/revisions.
- Other
 - Dan shared thank you letters for Master Gardener contributions to:
 - Milwaukee Co. Consumer Hort Prog Waukesha Co. Consumer Hort Prog
 - Milwaukee Co. Urban Hort Prog Waukesha Co. Commercial Hort Prog
 - UW-Ext. Office Support
 - Reminder from John Hahn about the 2012 Upper Midwest Master Gardener Conference, at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, in Chanhassen, MN, July 19-21, 2012. See website for more info: <http://hennepinmastergardeners.org/events/upper-midwest-master-gardener-conference/>

- Discussion on the number of emails that are sent to the list serv. It will be referred to the Garden Support Committee for email guidelines.
- Contact Patty Witt if you need the address/phone number for sales tax exemption.

New Business

- Ann Weid /Horticulture Agent/Educator reported:
 - Ann thanked the MG's for the unsold Plant Sale plants and used them in 5 neighborhood gardens.
 - Next year estimated budget has been completed and the amount is comparable to this year's budget.
 - Thanked MG's for contribution to Waukesha County, she uses the funds for miscellaneous purchases to support gardens.
 - Working toward getting on social media and looking for MG garden pictures. Contact her if interested.
- Nancy Lehrer, Volunteer Coordinator shared:
 - Looking for volunteers for pre-fair setup, Zoo Ala Cart in Aug and Zoo Family Fair in Sept.
 - Will be looking for a master composter for presentation end of July or August.
- Annual Picnic, Dan Cummings discussed:
 - The date is August 18, 2012 from 12:00 – 5:00 pm at the Ten Chimney's Program Center, lower level.
 - Ham and rolls will be provided. Bring your favorite home made dish to pass, or contact Dan if you wish to contribute a purchased item such as chips, etc. Plan to eat at 2pm.
 - You can tour the program center with its mural artist display, visit the gift shop and the program center garden.

Announcements:

- Next meeting: at Milw County Extension Office, Wednesday July 11, 2012 – 9:30 am.
- Master Gardener T-shirts are available for \$3.00. You can purchase them at the next business meeting or contact Dan Cummings. Sizes vary, mostly large or greater.
- 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.
- Sandy Manning reminds garden chairs that over-budget expenses must be pre-approved before reimbursement will occur. Contact the Finance Committee.
- Dan notified us that the Garden Support Committee is looking for a co-chair as Ruth Marshall has resigned from that role.
- Janet Wintersberger thanks Barbara Andrekopoulos for the work she contributed to the garden tour brochure and display. Janet has also put notices in area newspapers.

Adjourned: at 10:40am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary