

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date July 10, 2013

Members Present: 23

Meeting was called to order by President, Kris Jensen at 9:30am and welcomed 2 visitors from Walworth County's Master Gardeners organization.

Prior Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2013 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell with provisional approval due to lack of quorum.

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

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Patty Witt reported:
 - Committee is looking for gardens that have plants that can be contributed to next year's plant sale. Garden can be your friend's, relatives or your own.
 - There is no update on the general post mortem meeting.

- Garden Support – Patty Witt reported:
 - The committee is currently visiting 11 gardens this year.
 - They will be at Green Power on 7/23.
 - Next meeting is in September.

- In-House Education - Kris Jensen reported:
 - No education scheduled until fall.
 - Committee needs help with their activities. Without help education scheduling may suffer.

- Bus Trip – Doris Fons reported:
 - The July bus trip will be on 7/19 to Sheboygan's Bookworm Gardens & Christopher Farms is full. It's the last bus trip this year.

- State Fair -
 - Faouzi has a full schedule of volunteers and is looking for cancellation volunteers.

- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - There will be 2 community garden table displays in the next 2 weekends. And they will be at State Fair.
 - Allen Centennial Garden in Madison has a great vertical garden.

- WIMGA update - John Hahn reported:
 - State Conference in Janesville 8/16-17. The group discussed conference attendance and John informed us that the sponsors are responsible for promoting the event. Each year's conference size will be different as some locations are rural.
 - WIGMA's monthly board meeting is July 11th.
 - They are updating their standard operating procedures by reviewing by laws and creating a map to accomplish them.
 - The group had a discussion on ways to involve more diverse groups in our organization. Kris Jensen will solicit members to create a temporary outreach committee that can address this issue. Ann Wied and Nancy Lehrer will be our points of contact for other Extension programs and personnel.

- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - Marie McGinnis's mother passed, cards are appreciated.

- Clothing – LeeAnne Dukes reported:
 - Clothing ordered and waiting at the Milwaukee office should be picked up as soon as possible.

New Business

- Consumer Horticulture Agent, Ann Wied reported:
 - Level 1 Training will start the week of 9/9. Monday afternoons will be at Boerner and in Waukesha Tues evening. A heads up email will go out to folks that are on the wait list informing them when registration will begin. Ann and Sharon are looking a ways to increase the number of attendees.
- Nancy Lehrer, Volunteer Coordinator reported:
 - Provided handouts on day lilies for garden chairs.
 - Working on State Fair handouts and volunteer lists.
- Linda Ziebell said the organization received thank you letters for SEWMG's contributions to the Kneeland-Walker House for the amount of \$355.90 which covered the cost of compost used for the spring planting season.

Announcement & Reminders:

- **Next meeting is on August 14, at 9:30am at UWEX – Milwaukee.**
- Annual Picnic will be 8/22 at Mitchell Park in Brookfield. Time: 3PM begin setup, 5:30 hot entrée (Italian beef) will be served. Bring a dish to pass; it can be an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert.
- Diane Thieme announced that the Eastside Milwaukee Community Council's free garden tour on Sunday 7/28, from 10-4 is up to 27 gardens and many vendors. An Alderman Bike tour at 10am starting at the Urban Ecology Center. Garden tour starts at the North point Lighthouse.
- Janet Wintersberger announced that the next newsletter deadline is 8/1.
- Judy Schmidt announced that her garden will be open to tour on Sat, 7/13 from 10-4.
- Kris Jensen announced that Ed Kraus's garden will be open on 7/13, 7/14, 7/20 and 7/21.
- Doris Fons announced that Greendale's garden walk is Sat, 7/13, 8-12.
- Dan Cummings has a North folk pine free to a give away.

Adjourned at 10:28am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary