

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date August 14, 2013

**Members Present: 19**

**Meeting was called to order** by Future President, Diane Thieme at 9:30am and noted that document approval will be provisional due to a lack of quorum.

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for July 10, 2013 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell with provisional approval.

**Treasurer's Report** for July 2013 was given by Treasurer, Lindy Pawlak with provisional approval.

**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. The committee is asking members to keep an eye out and approach their friends and neighbors to see if they would be interested in hosting a pot-a-thon next year.
  - Please take pictures of plants you will be donating next year. Pictures help plants sell better.
- Garden Support – Diane Thieme reported:
  - The committee is continuing garden visits.
  - They are setting up the volunteer fair.
  - Looking for new co-chair.
  - Next meeting is September 4, at 9:30 am in Room 305 as Milw Extension Office.
- In-House Education - Diane Thieme reported:
  - Judy Williamson will join the committee.
  - Next in-house education will be on Sept 4, at Milwaukee Extension office auditorium from 6:30-7:30. Ted Haasch will present Day Lilies. Seating will be 115-120 with no pre-registration, first come 1<sup>st</sup> serve. Doors open at 6pm.
- State Fair – Faouzi Kablaoui reported:
  - Number of visitors was 63,000 compared to 51,000 last year.
  - Number of handouts was 7,651 compared to 6,000 last year.
  - Visitors requested more plant info.
  - Group discussion included positive feedback from attendees; MG space is controlled by the DNR, and ways to divert children from touching and playing with displays.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - They were at 2 community garden tours; Tour de Le Jardin and Wauwatosa Secret Garden.
  - They were at State Fair. The veg/trug garden will be called Edibles.
  - Next meeting is September 4, at Linden Grove.
- WIMGA update - John Hahn reported:
  - State Conference in Janesville 8/16-17. As of 4 weeks ago 110 attendees were signed up. As of meeting date you could still attend.

**New Business**

- Nancy Lehrer, Volunteer Coordinator reported:
  - Handouts for garden chairs is herbs and tar spots.
  - Folks requesting hard copy of newsletter can pick up on Sept 2, 4<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> between 2:30-4
  - Level 1 training will begin Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm at Boerner and Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in Waukesha. Total of Both classes will hold approx. 140 compared to 125 in previous years.
  - Working on class binders on Tuesdays until class begins. Contact Nancy if you would like to assist with preparing binders.

- Sept 15 documents are due: volunteer and education hours, budget requests and annual reports.
  - Milwaukee County Fair: Sept 26 – Setup and orientation, Sept 27 – 29 fair dates, 9am – 7pm. Booth and demo volunteers are needed.
  - There will be a Master Compost training class on 10/19, 9am-2pm at Havenswood.
- Diane Thieme stated that Kris Jensen address the outreach committee in the President’s Corner of the newsletter.
  - Doris Fons suggested the committee chairs send volunteer request emails to listserv that are appealing and inviting to members.
  - Kay Costello suggested having committee meetings in evenings so that more members could attend.

**Announcement & Reminders:**

- 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 said the Eastside garden tour on Sunday 7/28 was a success. Thanked Marlene Jaglinski and Barb Netzow and all the MGV’s who helped. There were over 800 visitors and MGV’s answered 100 questions and provided 300 handouts.
- Judy Schmidt announced that the 43th annual bonsai exhibit will be Sept 20-22. Kathy Shaner will be the exhibit judge and presenter. She provided handouts. Check their website out: <http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/ae/index.html>
- **Next meeting is September 11, at 9:30am at the Waukesha County Courthouse.**

**Adjourned** at 10:12am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary