

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date September 11, 2013

**Members Present: 12**

**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 August 14, 2013 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell with provisional approval.

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

**Old Business**

**Committees**

- Plant Sale – Patty Witt reported:
  - Lee Ann Duke's hostas will be checked out by Bill and Ed.
  - Eble has space for donated plants that can be over-wintered for next year's plant sale.
  - Zoo Butterfly Garden has plants to donate which will need to be done in the spring.
  
- Garden Support – Patty Witt reported:
  - New Co-chair is Ken Loeffel.
  - Last meeting had approx 15 attendees.
  - Some garden chairs have requested a visit report. And a garden synopsis with pictures be made available on the website.
  - Opportunity Fair will be 1/18 from 9-12 with a speaker at 12pm.
  - Volunteer Celebration is 3/12.
  - Garden Chair Forum will be 3/20 from 6-8:30pm.
  - Next meeting will be 10/2 at 9:30 at Milw UW Extension, room 305.
  
- In-House Education - Judy Williamson reported:
  - Kathy is working on October's session.
  - Diane provided contact for a City of Milwaukee Greenhouse tour and discussion.
  - The Sept day lily forum was well attended, approx 70 people.
  
- Life Long Gardening – Diane Thieme reported:
  - Next meeting is October 2, at Milw Extension at 5:30 pm.
  
- Finance Committee – Fred Redlinger reported:
  - Budget and garden reports are due Sept 15.
  
- Holiday Party / Annual Meeting – Patty Witt and Judy Williamson reported:
  - Table display group is looking for globe thistle, allium and hydrangea blooms for center pieces, let Diane Thieme know if you have some to contribute.
  - Location is the Doubletree on Bluemound Rd in Brookfield. There will be a sit down dinner for up to 200 attendees. There may be a \$10 fee.
  - Sign up will begin with the next newsletter.
  
- WIMGA update - John Hahn reported:
  - State Conference in Janesville 8/16-17 was smaller scale than previous ones, but was very good. Will have more specifics at next meeting. WIGMA receives 75% of its funds from annual conference.
  
- Annual Picnic – Diane Thieme reported:
  - Approx 45-50 attendees and the site was adequate with a kitchen, electricity, inside/outside tables and seating. Leftover food will be used during plant sale week.
  - Improvements include better promotion and good signage/directions.

### **New Business**

- Ann Wied, Horticulture Agent/Educator reported:
  - New class has 17 more students this year, 67 at Waukesha and 75 at Boerner. Total of 142 students.
  - There may be a moratorium on new gardens.
  - Emerald Ash Boer has been sited in Waukesha.
- Diane Thieme (for Janet Wintersberger) said that 10 scholarships for 2013 General Training were awarded at \$75 each out of 18 applications. Awards are given based on 3 essay questions.
- Diane Thieme provided info on our organization's GFS store membership which is tax free and provides a rewards rebate checks. Can coordinate shopping with Diane or Lindy.
- Diane announced 'help wanted' for the outreach committee and an additional plant sale trailer driver.
- Group discussed possible by-law changes for quorum at business meetings which was brought up by Dan Cummings. Diane will take back to president, Kris Jensen.

### **Announcement & Reminders:**

- Sandy Manning announced that New Letter items are due 10-1.
- **Next meeting is October 9, at 9:30am at MCCE.**

**Adjourned** at 11:00am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary