

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
Date September 12, 2012
Members Present: 21

Meeting was called to order by President Dan Cummings at 9:30am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2012 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell and approved as read.

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

Old Business

Committees

- In-House Education – Peg Fleury reported:
 - Sept program will be on Wed, 9/19 from 6:30-8:00pm in the auditorium at the Milw Extension Office. Matt Smith, certified arborist from the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center will be discussing forest restoration. Available seats as of this meeting date.
 - Oct program will be on 10/20 at Boerner from 9:30-11:30am. The speaker is Marcia Carmichael, author of "Putting Down Roots" and a historical gardener at Old World Wisconsin. The topic is getting to know Marcia Carmichael. She will also be doing book signing. Registration will be from 10/1-17. A broadcast email will be sent via the listserv.
 - The committee is looking for a new co-chairperson for 2013.
- Scholarship – Dan reported:
 - Nine individuals received a \$75 scholarship.
- Garden Support – Mary Thiele reported:
 - The next meeting will be Monday, 9/24 from 6:30-8:30pm at Milw Extension Office.
 - 1/3 of our gardens were visited by committee members and records are being updated by Ken Loeffel.
 - A new co-chair is needed.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - They will be at the Sept Harvest Fair 9/28-30 on the main stage.
 - Photos for Mike Maddox's website have been taken.
 - Committee will not speak to horticulture therapy, but will do life long gardening presentations when requested by these groups.
 - Working on next year's theme.
- Web Site – Judy Williamson reported:
 - Some are experiencing frustration as members are not using the website to obtain posted information.
 - Committees should send info to Judy to post to the website.
- WIMGA – John Hahn reported:
 - Changes to Extension districts are administrative only and do not impact the Wisconsin Master Gardener organizations.
 - Discussed makeup of WIMGA – 54 local organizations, 12 board members, 2 at large members. Local representatives are invited to their meetings and there is a planning session once a year.
 - Education grant submissions are due Oct 1, 2012. See website for more info:
<http://wimastergardener.org/?q=EducationalGrants>.

New Business

- Ann Wied, Horticulture Agent/Educator reported:
 - Level 1 training filled in 4 days and has 125 trainees.
 - Waukesha is looking for grants for funding. Contact Ann if you know of an organization that can assist.

- Nancy Lehrer, Volunteer Coordinator, reported:
 - Continuing to get questions that can be answered on the website, suggests a frequently asked questions page.
 - Provided 2 handouts - 'Extending the Gardening Season' and 'Leaf Color Change in Autumn'.
 - Looking for volunteers for the County Fair and mentors for presentations.

Announcements:

- Hours due September 15th.
- Garden Reports and Budget Reports are due Sept 15th.
- Nov/Dec Newsletter deadline is October 1st.
- **Next meeting:** Milwaukee County Extension office, Wednesday October 10, 2012 – 9:30 am.
- No November meeting.

Adjourned at 10:45am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary