

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date October 10, 2012

**Members Present: 28**

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

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for September 12, 2012 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell and approved as read.

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

**Old Business**

Committees

- In-House Education – Peg Fleury/Kathleen Hochevar reported:
  - Sept program held on Wed, 9/19 from 6:30-8:00pm in the auditorium at the Milw Extension Office was attended by 85 people and well done. Matt Smith, certified arborist from the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center discussed forest restoration.
  - Oct 20th program will be 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 which will be available for purchase for \$25. Available seats as of meeting date.
  - The committee is looking for a new co-chairperson for 2013.
- Garden Support – Mary Thiele reported:
  - The evening meeting on Monday, 9/24 was attended by 16 people.
  - There will be no fall forum and spring forum will be on March 14, 2013.
  - They have a suggestion to have all gardens on a map and meeting minutes available on website.
  - Patty Witt will be co-chair next year.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - They had main stage issues at Sept's Harvest Fair due to stage conflicts. And attendance to their display was low – 13 people. They will consider not attending next year.
  - Meeting attendees discussed future involvement and the general feeling is that SEWMG should continue to support it.
  - Committee members will be attending 2 future programs at Wehr Nature Center – Starting your Garden and Fall Clean-up and the Whitefish Bay Garden Club.
- WIMGA – John Hahn reported:
  - John will continue to serve on board next year.
  - Ashland conference had over 300 attendees, some being SEWMG members. There was a board meeting and highlight speakers were the mayor of Ashland and Tia Nelson, Gov. Nelson's daughter. The next conference will be **August 16-17, 2013** at UW-Rock, **Janesville.**
- Sunshine:
  - Ann Wied is recovering from hip surgery.
  - Judy Savage is recovering from shingles, please send cards.
- Leadership – Mary Thiele reported:
  - Mary Redlinger will continue to chair hospitality.
  - Looking for In-House Education co-chairs.

### **New Business**

- Sharon Morrisey, Horticulture Agent/Educator reported:
  - Discussed Zoo Interchange construction project and potential impact to SEWMG 2013/2014 meetings and programs.
  - Fall/Winter logo wear will be available for order. Orders are due to Lee Ann Dukes by 10/25.
  - Looking for ideas for next year's education focus. This is in addition to what Mike Maddox will have available online. She is targeting Level 2 training to be in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2013.
  - Feb.'s Volunteer Recognition event will not be available to the new graduates.
- Nancy Lehrer, Volunteer Coordinator, reported:
  - Looking for help in the office and the 11/4 Wellness Fair at Alverno College.
  - Garden Resource documents will be a new color – yellow due to a price increase.

### **Announcements:**

- No November business meeting.
- **Next meeting is on December 5<sup>th</sup>**, at Meyers Family Restaurant and includes Holiday Party. See Nov/Dec Newsletter for **registration that is due Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**.
- The Boerner Herb Fair to be held on 5/25 is looking for master gardeners to display/host a booth.
- Doris announced the Chicago Flower Show trip will be around the first week of March, the July trip will be the 19th to Sheboygan area and there will be a Jerry Nelson day too.

**Adjourned** at 10:45am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary