

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes  
Date January 11, 2012

**Members Present: 34**

Meeting was called to order by President Dan Cummings at 9:30 am. Dan welcomed everyone to the first meeting 2012. His goal is to keep the meeting time to an hour.

Prior Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2011 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell. These minutes were revised to state that the cut to Boerner is to the horticulture center as stated by Janet Wintersberger. Prior meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report for December 2011 was given by Treasurer, Patty Witt.

Old Business

- Finance - Sandy Manning discussed the finance report. Copies of the 2012 budget reports were available at the meeting.
- Garden Support - Mary Thiele informed the group that the spring forum and volunteer fair are coming up.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported that there are 3 presentations coming up.
- Long Term Planning – Janet Wintersberger is looking for volunteers to help with this effort. Contact her if you are interested. A date is to be determined for a preview plan meeting.
- Plant Sale
  - Bill Shaffer informed that the 1<sup>st</sup> steering meeting was Friday, 1/13/12 at noon for co-chairs. The 1<sup>st</sup> organization meeting is on 1/24/12 at 6:30 pm in room 414 at the Milwaukee extension office.
  - Kris Jensen is requesting that all SEWMG's to go onto Facebook and like their page: <http://www.facebook.com/sewmqplantsale>. Photos of past potathons are being posted. Additional info will be added this spring. John Hahn said that Dr. Mahr is going to put a link on their web page.
  - Ed Kraus discussed a meeting with Lake County, IL master gardeners who are interested in learning about our plant sale. They have been invited to attend more of the plant sale meetings.
- Program
  - Dan Cummings (speaking for Doris Fons) stated that today is the 1<sup>st</sup> day to sign up for the Domes tour that is on 2/22/12 at 9:00 am. Doris will collect the \$7.50 fee on that day via check or cash. You need your own transportation there.
  - Other education programs – Kathy Hochevar stated that it is their goal to native plants as a theme throughout the educational programs. Program times will have various times from mornings to evenings and Sat.
  - Birding/Birdscaping is on 1/25/12 at 9:30am at the Milw Extension Office.
  - Updating Your Landscaping is Sat 2/25/12 at 9am at Milw Extension Office, Reservation to be coming up soon, watch for it in your email.
  - March mixer will be called Spring into Spring – goal is to do more internal recruiting for volunteers to work at existing gardens.

- April program may be an evening meeting in Waukesha.
- Home Show - Faouzi Kablaoui reported that it's at State Fair from March 23 - April 1 and will be closed March 26 & 27. Orientation will be 1 or 2 days before the Home Show.
- Other - Mary Redlinger is looking for help with hospitality for the business meetings and mentioned the signup sheet available at the meeting.

### New Business

- Consumer Horticulture Agent, Ann Wied
  - stated that this year's new general training (Level 1) class will be in the fall of 2012. Specialty training (Level II Training) will be held in the spring of 2013. Make sure you have the right SEWMGV brochure with the correct information when handing out brochures. (After we have done one complete cycle with the new training dates, Sharon and Ann will evaluate the changes.)
  - Sharon is recovering well. She is planning 2/29 volunteer recognition and graduation party that will be in Wauwatosa at the First Congregational Church in Wauwatosa.
  - The Pruning Workshop will be 1 day. Ann is waiting for the best date and location.
  - Ann is looking for grants to fund programs. Let Ann know if you know of any foundations or organizations that could be contacted.
- Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Lehrer is working on a report for Sharon on presentations done last year. Make sure to complete the required form in the future if you are doing a presentation. She has 3 schools looking for planners, planters and teaching.
- Becky Feldtmeyer suggested that a tab be setup on the website for sale or give away items to reduce email. The request has been passed on to Judy Williamson for investigation.

### Announcements:

- Mid America Trade Show Jan 17-20. This won't be a bus trip this year. You can sign up directly with them.
- MG Volunteer Recognition Program is scheduled for February 29<sup>th</sup> at the First Congregational Church in Wauwatosa. You can park at the church across the street if needed. Contact Sharon Morrissey to nominate a MG for the Glutton of Punishment Award.
- Scheduled Waukesha Business Meetings March 14, June 13 and September 12
- Garden chairs need to fill out form for over budget expenditures. Form is on the website.
- Newsletter deadline for March/April is 2/1. Janet Wintersberger wants to feature committees. Please contact her with your committee's specifics.
- Next meeting is at 9:30am on 2/8/12 at the Milwaukee Extension office

Adjourned: at 10:20

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary