

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes  
Date Sept. 14, 2011

**Members Present: 26**

Meeting was called to order by: by President Mary Thiele at 9:31am

1. Dan Cummings shared that he had gone to a meeting at the historical site of 10 Chimneys and that it was very interesting.
2. Ed Kraus, LeeAnne Dukes, Marcia Zientek, Roger Wilde, and Mary Thiele all shared their favorite flower.

Consumer Horticulture Agent: Ann Wied reminded us of the fall trainings.

She also thanked us again for the donation for the Hispanic Community Health Resource Center/Forever Young Gardening Project, they really appreciated it.

Prior Meeting Minutes: were read by Secretary Mary Redlinger, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: was given by Roxanne Lombardi in Treasurer Joy Towell's absence. They were approved as read.

Old Business:

1. Finance Committee – Ruth Marshall gave her report, She reminded us that there will be a review of the 2012 Budget for all membership on Nov. 5.
  - Will send out letters to the chairs, stating that if they are over budget they may or may not be approved for reimbursement.
  - Discussed changes in 2012 budget as to priorities of various programs and committees
  - Discussed State Fair being over budget, and the possibility of different budgets for different events held there, and working with other committees for assistance in establishing the area.
  - All receipts must be dated by Dec. 1 and the 2012 budget begins on Jan. 1.
  - The SEWMG budget is to only spend what we bring in!
2. Garden Support – Veggie Tour – Patty Witt gave a report that the tour was very well received. She also reminded the Garden Chairs about the mtg. today after the business mtg. and another one on Oct. 4.
3. Long Term Planning Committee – report was given by Janet Wintersberger. The Committee wants to employ more strategies for leadership skills, focus on increasing public awareness and education. She reminded us that the next mtg. is Nov. 12.
4. Plant Sale Committee – Ed Kraus stated that when the vegetable garden is empty at Eble, he will let us know, so we can heel in some plants for next year's sale.

5. Program Committee – Kathy Hochever and Peg Fleury met Monday nite to get program ideas for the up-coming year. They discussed many ideas including Saturday programming and something to be held in the Waukesha area. There were some question as to what qualifies as a Continuing Ed. Hours. (Ann Wied will look into this).
6. The Annual Picnic was very well received and enjoyed by all who attended it.

New Business:

1. Mary Thiele reminded us that we need a volunteer to do hospitality next year.

Announcements and Reminders

1. Hours are due tomorrow!
2. Specialty Training begins Sept. 28.
3. Oct. 19, Helena Pizzi will be giving a presentation on “roses and herbs”.
4. Deadline for articles for the newsletter is Oct. 1.
5. All County Fair info. is on the UW ext. web site, it will be held Sept. 23, 24 and 25.
6. Janet Wintersberger announced that she received a letter from another of our scholarship winners – stating that he was very grateful.
7. A raffle was held of various donated items.

Adjourned: at 11:00am

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary E. Redlinger, SEWVG secretary