

## SEWMG General Meeting Minutes

Date January 13, 2016

**Members Present: 32**

**Meeting was called to order** by President, Liz Burke at 9:30am.

President Liz Burke presented a handout with the 2016 General Meeting schedule. The April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting may be moved to Boerner Botanical Garden.

Pat Adrian presented an update on Quickbooks which is the accounting package used by SEWMG. SEWMG used the online version of Quickbooks. In November, 2015, the security was updated. SEWMG has established two master administrators, Joy Towell and Pat Conole.

Pat Conole, Treasurer, reported that she will use an Excell spreadsheet for monthly reports and line items for each garden.

**Prior Meeting Minutes** December 2, 2015 were accepted as posted on the web site.

**Treasurer's Report** for December 2015 was given by Pat Conole and approved.

**Introduction of 2016 Officers** by President Liz Burke

2016 Officers include:

Liz Burke, President

Mark Pawlak, President Elect

Pat Conole, Treasurer

Bonnie Papham, Secretary

2016 board members include

Sandi Manning, chairman

Mary Korntved, 2<sup>nd</sup> year board member

Tom Paasch, 1<sup>st</sup> year board member

Bill Shaffer and Patty Witt, members at large

### **Old Business**

#### Committees

- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme and Bill Shaffer reported:
  - Plant Sale Committee will meet after the January General Meeting. They will have a list of dates at the Volunteer Opportunity Fair.
  - Diane reported that the Plant Sale Committee has been invited to speak at the Midwest Conference in September in Wisconsin Dells about how we run our plant sale.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
  - This year's Volunteer Opportunity Fair scheduled for 1-23-16, 9:30-11:00am, with an education speaker after.
  - The next Garden Chair Forum scheduled for Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM-8:15 PM at Boerner Botanical Garden.
  - The committee is beginning to plan for the 2017 Public Garden Open House Tour.
  - Each year, 2 members of the Garden Support Committee visit 10 approved gardens. All gardens should be visited once every three years.
  - The next Garden Support Committee meeting will follow the January General Meeting.
- In-House Education - nothing
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
  - March 18, 2016 – Chicago Flower Show Bus Trip. The cost is \$33 for SEWMG members and \$38 for non-members. Registration begins on February 2, 2016 at 6:00am.
  - End of May – Jerry Nelson Tour
  - July 22, 2016 – Olbrich Botanical Gardens and Epic (Verona, WI) Bus Trip
- Special Events - Faouzi Kablaoui reported:

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- Faouzi Kablaoui reported that the Home and Garden show ends on Saturday, March 26, 2016 so the take down of the booth will occur on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 9:00am.
- An email has been sent out for volunteers for the show. Many of the shifts are filled.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - The committee is preparing the application for the International Garden Search for Excellence Award.
  - The committee will be speaking at the Midwest Conference in September in Wisconsin Dells.
  - The committee has 7 presentations on the schedule so far for 2016. They did 10 in 2015.
  - The video on Joint Protection made with Mike Maddox will be on the State Master Gardener site.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin
  - 85 orders were made for the fall clothing sale. About half of them were from new master gardeners.
  - Peg is working with the vendor to do direct shipping to MG's homes. The cost could be \$6 on orders that are \$25 or less and \$8 for orders over \$25.
  - The next order should be soon so that MG's can have their items in April. They are considering adding some new items such as specialized tools.
- Sunshine – No report
- WIGMA – John Hahn
  - Annual MG Conference is September 14 – September 17, 2016 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI. There will be six tour options on Thursday, 3 breakout sessions and 1 keynote speaker on Friday, and 1 breakout session and 1 keynote speaker on Saturday.
- Membership – No report

### **New Business**

- Ann Wied reported:
  - There is a monthly Garden Talk series at Waukesha Memorial Hospital which includes a small teaching garden. The dates of the talks are listed under events by Pro Health.
  - The Hispanic Health Resource Center does raised bed gardening. Four MG's helped design the beds. Pro Healthcare is a sponsor.
  - Pruning workshop will take place at Lindon Sculpture Garden and at a location in Waukesha County.
  - nEXT Generation - \$3.6 million budget cuts for next 2 years. There are still many unknowns about the future.
- Sharon Morrisey reported:
  - UW-Ext building access – volunteers have been manning the front desk. A part-time receptionist should be hired by mid-February.
  - The topic for the Home and Garden Show is Wildlife Problems in the Garden. There is a meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2016 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the UW-Extension Office. Sharon is looking for a new graphic artist or designer. The training session will be on March 2, 2016 at 6:30pm in the auditorium at the UW-Ext office.
  - Volunteer Celebration and graduation is February 3, 2016 at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church in Wauwatosa. It begins at 6:30 PM. Contact Nancy Lehrer if you are attending.
  - Level 2 training - March 3, 10, 24, and 31 –Topic: Herbaceous ornamentals, Thursday afternoons. Registration will begin in early February.
- Nancy Lehrer reported:
  - Art is bloom is March 17, 18, 19, and 20

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- Request for nine presenters will be coming soon.

### **Announcements**

- Diane Thieme reported that the Holiday Party was well attended. Several door prizes were donated by members.
- Judy Schmidt announced that the Bonsai Society has their Silhouette Show at the Mitchell Park Domes on Sunday, February 28, 2016.

### **Reminders:**

- **Next Meeting is 2/10/16, 9:30 at Boerner.**

### **Adjourned** at 10:55am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary