

SEWMG General Meeting Minutes

Date January 11, 2017

Members Present: 35

Meeting was called to order by President, Mark Pawlak at 9:30am.

Prior Meeting Minutes December 7, 2016 were accepted as posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report for December 2016 was given by Pat Conole and approved.

Introduction of 2017 Officers by President Mark Pawlak

2017 Officers include:

Mark Pawlak, President

Roger Kocher, President Elect

Pat Conole, Treasurer

Bonnie Paplham, Secretary

2017 board members include

Mary Korntved, chairman

Tom Paasch, 2nd year board member

Jennifer Lazewski, 1st year board member

Bill Shaffer and Patty Witt, members at large

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer and Sue Ratkowski reported:
 - The first meeting of the Plant Sale Committee was held on January 6, 2017. A list of **Save the Dates** was handed out at the meeting. The dates are:

Trailer Day	April 3	9:00 am
Carlins Storage Unit	April 10	9:00 am
Pot-a-thons (PAT) begin	April 19	9:00 am
State Fair Work Week	May 15 – May 19	TBA
Pre-sale for paid members	May 19	3:00 – 6:30 pm
Plant Sale Day	May 20	8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Post Sale/Cleanup Day	May 22	9:00 – 11:00 am
Post Sale Meeting	TBA	
 - The DNR area at State Fair Park no longer belongs to the DNR. It belongs to State Fair Park. There will be no changes this year. Future changes are unknown at this time.
 - The Plant Sale Orientation meeting will be March 14, 2017 @ 6:30 pm at the UW-Extension office on Watertown Plank Road.
 - Note the change of time for Plant Sale Day. It will end at 1:00, not 1:30. If you have old bookmarks, please change the ending time or throw them away. New bookmarks will be available at the Volunteer Opportunity Fair.
 - We hope to have Carlin products for sale at the plant sale. Carlin will sell the products. They plan to donate the profits to SEWMG.
 - We need white or light colored 1" plastic blinds for the plant sale. Contact Patty Witt if you have any.
 - We need trailer haulers (this is for the SEWMG trailer – about 2500 pounds). Contact Bill Shaffer if you are interested.
 - Patty Witt is working on the Pot-a-thon schedule. No new digs or gardens for the 2017 sale unless the garden was checked for jumping worms last summer. Patty and her crew will inspect gardens this summer for the 2018 sale.
 - A sign-up sheet will be available at all PATs and each day at State Fair Park during the work week. MGv can sign up for the area that they want to work on Plant Sale Day.
- Garden Support – Catherine Price reported:
 - This year's Volunteer Opportunity Fair scheduled for January 21, 2017, 9:00-10:30am, with an education speaker, Mike Maddox, at 11:00am.
 - The next Garden Chair Forum scheduled for Wednesday, March 22th from 6:30-8:00 pm at Boerner Botanical Garden.
 - The committee is beginning to plan for the 2017 Public Garden Open House Tour.

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- 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.
- The committee is working on a Garden Co-Chair Handbook.
- In-House Education – Judy Williamson reported:
 - The following education programs are confirmed for 2017:
 - January 21, 2017, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm at Boerner Botanical Garden
Topic: “What’s new with Wisconsin’s MGV Program” by Mike Maddox

 - February 13, 2017, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Brookfield Library
Topic: “Eat Locally all Year: Plant a High-Yield Garden” by Megan Cain

 - March 11, 2017, Topic: “Planting for Shade”, by Nancy Nedveck

 - April (TBA) Topic: “New Rose Trends Bring Success in your Garden” by Diana Sommers
 - Rita Piper sends out notices for signing up about 3 weeks before each program. Signup is done on-line. Judy Williamson sends out confirmations about 1 ½ weeks before the programs.
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
 - March 24, 2017 – Garfield Conservatory and Chicago Botanical Gardens for a box lunch and Orchid Show. This trip places the annual trip to the Chicago Flower Show. Sign up will begin on February 7, 2017 beginning at 6:00 am
 - End of May – Jerry Nelson Tour
 - August 18, 2017 – Wollersheim Winery - Bus Trip
- Special Events - Faouzi Kablaoui reported:
 - Faouzi Kablaoui reported that the Home and Garden show is March 24 – April 2, 2017. The show is closed on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday, there are 2-people shifts. On Friday-Sunday, each shift has 4 people.
 - An email has been sent out for volunteers for the show. Contact Faouzi if you are interested in working at the show.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - The committee has 9 commitments for programs so far this year.
 - The committee will be sending 3 representatives to the International Master Gardener Conference in Portland, Oregon in July. They are required to give a 3 minute talk, make a poster, and a video for the conference.
 - The committee gets requests from all over the state. They are emphasizing training Master Gardeners from other counties so that they do not have to travel so far. They are doing this by directing them to their website or by talking to them on the phone.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin
 - There will only one clothing sale this year. It will occur in March with clothing delivered before gardening season. A survey will be done at the Volunteer Opportunity Fair and online to find out what items MGV want to purchase. A new item will be offered this year – a rain jacket.
 - Patches are available for \$3.
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - If you need to contact Judy, please use her cell phone number (414-217-1144).
- WIGMA – John Hahn

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- WIMGA is still working with the changes. They must develop their own website. They have developed their own mission statement.
- Membership – nothing

New Business

- Ann Wied reported:
 - Pruning workshop – information will come out in early February.
 - nEXT Generation – UW-Extension reorganization. Information should be released in February for the framework for each county. The actual plan may come out in June after revisions have been made.
- Sharon Morrisey reported:
 - If you did not pick up your certificates or badges, they can be picked up at the UW-Extension office.
 - The topic for the Home and Garden Show is 'Backyard Bugs – Who's Who and what to do'. Sharon will assemble a group to work on the display. A presentation of the topic will be given on March 1, 2017 at 6:30pm in the auditorium at the UW-Ext office. Orientation for the Home Show is March 23, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the State Fair Display.
 - Level 2 training - March 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at Boerner Botanical Garden. Topic: Woody Ornamentals. Registration will begin in late January or early February.
 - The State Level 2 program is "Soils and Composting". This is an online course. Registration information is in the January issue of Volunteer Vibe.
 - Plant Health Advisor Training – March 18 and April 1 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the UW – Extension office. This is for new people and people who want to be Plant Health Advisors.
 - The S.E.E.D. initiative will continue this year. Five gardens were started last year. Master Gardeners are needed to volunteer as mentors.
 - Works in progress – Volunteer Opportunity Directory, spreadsheets of all hours, update skills list from membership renewal forms.
 - The move for the UW-Extension office on Watertown Plank Road is on hold. It was not part of the 2017 Milwaukee County budget.
- Nancy Lehrer reported:
 - Art is bloom is March 23 – March 26.
 - "Spring Time under Glass" at the Mitchell Park Domes is March 19 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to man a booth.

Announcements

- A letter was received from Shirley Walczak, Botanical Gardens Director, thanking Master Gardens for their support for Boerner Botanical Gardens both financially and through volunteerism.
- Deadline for March/April newsletter is February 1. Send articles to Janet Wintersberger.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 2/8/17, 9:30 am at UW-Extension Office.**

Adjourned at 11:04am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Papham, SEWMG secretary