

## SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date January 14, 2015

**Members Present: 33**

**Meeting was called to order** by President, Pat Adrian at 9:35am.

### **Introduction of 2015 Officers** by President Pat Adrian

2015 Officers include:

Pat Adrian, President  
Liz Burke, President Elect  
Lindy Pawlak, Treasurer  
Bonnie Paplham, Secretary

2015 board members include

Jpy Towell, chairman  
Jeff Trader, 2<sup>nd</sup> year board member  
Mary Korntved, 1<sup>st</sup> year board member  
Bill Shaffer and Patty Witt, members at large

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for October 8, 2014 and December 10, 2014 were accepted as posted on the web site.

**Treasurer's Report** for December 2014 was given by Lindy Pawlak and approved.

### **Old Business**

#### Committees

- Plant Sale – committee members reported:
  - Bill informed us that Q & Z Nursery has closed. Q & Z was a source of hostas for last year's sale. Diane indicated that Klehm Song Sparrow has some hostas and perennials for sale.
  - Diane & Bill reported that the date for the Plant Sale Informational meeting will be posted soon.
  - Diane had 3000 new bookmarks printed for the sale. They have the new logo.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
  - This year's opportunity fair scheduled for 1-17-15, 9:30-11:00am, with an education speaker after. Sharon Morrissey stated that any time spent on set up, clean up, or manning the booths during the fair counts for volunteer hours. If you are just attending, the time does not count for volunteer hours. If a member attended the speaker session from 11:00 to 12:30, it counts for education hours.
  - The next Garden Chair Forum scheduled for Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM-8:15 PM at Boerner Botanical Garden.
  - Sue Ratkowski and Liz Burke are planning 2015 Public Garden Tour scheduled for August 8 from 10am – 2pm. Tour includes Pewaukee Library, Nu Genesis, Historic Dousman and Eble gardens.
  - The next Garden Support Committee meeting is February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM at UW EXT, Wauwatosa.
- In-House Education: Judy Williamson reported for Rita Piper:
  - January 17, 2015 11-12:30, Boerner Topic: Shrubs, Trees, Perennials – What's New
    - by Dave Wanninger 200 attendees with waiting list of 60
  - February 7, 2015, New Berlin Library 10:00 – 11:30am (Registration Required, 180 seats) Topic – Creating a Backyard Wildlife Habitat, Dan Panetti, Owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Mequon
  - March 2015 Level 2 training – more information to come
  - April 14 or 15, 2015, Petit Center, Topic: Straw Bail Gardening
  - May 16, 2015 at the Plant Sale Topic: Life Long Gardening
  - Talked about finding a location for larger venues, mainly the Volunteer Opportunity Fair

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- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
  - March 20, 2015 – Chicago Flower Show Bus Trip
  - May 27, 2015 – Jerry Nelson Tour
  - July 17, 2015 – Greg Bergman Garden, Lake Forest II Bus Trip
  
- Sharon Morrisey reported for Faouzi Kablaoui
  - Faouzi Kablaoui has received very few responses for the Home Show in March. If you wish to volunteer, contact him directly. The topic of the Home Show is Container Gardening.
  
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - A new power point presentation has been made called “Tips on How to Protect Your Joints and Prevent Injuries While Gardening.”
  
- Clothing – Peg Schellin
  - Five items have been suggested. They are T-shirt, lightweight ½ zip sweatshirt, smaller heavy duty apron with pockets, cap, and patches that can be sewn on clothing. Clothing will be ordered in February and picked up in March.
  
- Sunshine – No report
  
- WIGMA –
  - State MG Conference is July 31-August 1 2015 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin
  - International MG Conference is September 22 – September 25, 2015 in Council Bluffs, Iowa
  
- Membership – Patty Witt
  - More members have paid their dues than indicated in December.
  - If someone has problems completing their volunteer hours or their education hours by September 15 of each year, they should contact the UW Extension office for help or for an extension.
  
- Audit – Liz Burke
  - Past members of the audit committed will be contacted soon for the next audit

### **New Business**

- Sharon Morrisey reported
- 18 parking places were added at the UW-Extension building on Watertown Plank Road. Small committee meetings can be held during the day and large group meetings can be held at night or on weekends.
- Volunteer Celebration and graduation is February 4, 2015 at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church in Wauwatosa. It begins at 6:30 PM. Contact Nancy Lehrer if you are attending.
- March 7 – Power Point Workshop conducted by Elaine Wilhelm and Margaret Krueger
- March – Level 2 training Topic Living with Wildlife, Monday evenings
- Webinars – January 29 11:00 – 1:00 Topic – Conifers in the Home Garden
  - February 3 11:00 - 1:00 Topic – Apples in the Home Garden
- Realtor Home Show
  - March 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM Focus meeting – Presentation of Home Show topic
  - March 19, 2015 at 1:00 PM Staff orientation meeting at State Fair Park Booth
    - Two volunteers are needed to be speakers at the Home Show. Nancy Lehrer will send out a request

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- 2015 Intl MG Conference Search for Excellence Application
  - An application was submitted in mid December for the SEWMG Plant Sale

### **Announcements**

- Newsletter deadline is February 1 for March newsletter.
- Annual Holiday Party/Meeting is December 2, 2015 at Alioto's on Burleigh Rd.
- The Silent Auction for the Plant Sale needs items. Contact Mary Redlinger if you have a donation. The donation can be a special plant or items related to gardening.
- Diane Thieme is updating the inventory list. If you have purchased any new items or if you are discarding any old items, contact Diane about the necessary changes to the inventory list.

### **Reminders:**

- **Next Meeting is 2/11/15, 9:30 at Boerner.**

### **Adjourned** at 11:06am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary