

SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date February 10, 2016

Members Present: 24

Meeting was called to order by President, Liz Burke at 9:00am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2016 were not accepted because of the lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report for January, 2016 was given by Pat Conole and approved. Pat is using a new format for the monthly Treasurer's Reports. It will have a list of all gardens and projects that receive funding. It will have three columns: the current month's expenses, the expenses year to date, and the amount budgeted for 2016.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer and Diane Thieme reported:
 - Diane reported that she received the list of available plants from Klehm's Song Sparrow on Tuesday, February 9. The plant sale committee will meet after the Monthly Meeting to choose which shrubs and perennials to purchase for the plant sale.
 - Bill reported that he is working with State Fair Park on the contract for the plant sale.
 - Diane reported that the following dates have been set:
 - April 4 – Reconfigure trailer and count trays at Storage Unit
 - April 11 – Pick up supplies from Carlin's and deliver supplies to pot-a-thon sites.
 - Unload remaining supplies to Storage Unit.
 - Week of April 18 – begin pot-a-thons.
 - Plant Sale Meeting – date to be determined.
- Garden Support – Catherine Price reported:
 - The Volunteer Opportunity Fair was well attended. There were many positive comments about how the tables were laid out on the lower level and moving the speaker to the large room upstairs. There was a lot of help Friday night setting up the tables and chairs. There was a suggestion about having more time between the end of the fair and the beginning of the speaker to give members time to clean up before the speaker begins.
 - The next Garden Chair Forum scheduled for Tuesday, March 15th from 6:30PM-8:15 PM at Boerner Botanical Garden.
- In-House Education: No report
- Trips and Tours – Liz Burke reported:
 - February 27, 2016 – Day in the Garden program in Fond du Lac
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Kay reported that the committee was meeting this evening.
 - Kay reported that the application for the International Garden Search for Excellence Award is due August 1, 2016 which gives the committee less time to complete the application.
- Special Events – No report
- Clothing – Peg Schellin and Bette Frangish reported
 - Clothing was displayed at the Volunteer Opportunity Fair. Members gave very positive comments. They also completed survey sheets.
 - The online store for clothing should be open by February 27. The items ordered should arrive in April.
 - Bette was looking at the feedback from the online survey about selling items other than clothing. She is also trying to work with some of the companies that sell gardening tools.
 - The remaining aprons will be sold at a booth at the Plant Sale in May.

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- Sunshine – No report
- WIGMA – No report
- Membership – No report

New Business – No report

Announcements

- Diane Thieme announced that the survey from Sharon Morrisey is for SEWMG only, not the state.
- Pat Adrian announced that Diane Thieme received the Glutton for Punishment Award
- Diane announced that Proven Winners Conference is May 14, 2016 in Chicago.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 3/9/16 9:30 AM at Waukesha County Courthouse.**

Adjourned at 10:25am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary