

SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date February 8, 2017

Members Present: 34

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

Prior Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2017 were accepted as posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report for January, 2017 was given by Pat Conole and approved.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer and Diane Thieme reported:
 - Bill reported that the access code at the storage facility will be changed every three months. The gates to the facility will be locked each day from 9:00 pm until 6:00 am. If anyone needs the new access code, please contact Bill Shaffer.
 - Diane reported that the Plant Sale Orientation meeting – March 14, 2017 @ 6:30 pm. It will be held at UW-Extension, Watertown Plank Road.
 - The Plant Sale will end at 1:00 pm instead of 1:30 pm. There will be some flexibility this year because some customers may have the old bookmarks which has the 1:30 ending time.
 - Post flyers announcing the sale around your community.
 - An order has been placed with Klehm's Song Sparrow. The number of available plants was much smaller this year. We could only get 101 shrubs this year. They did not have any perennials listed.
 - The Plant Sale shirts will include the year.
 - A sheet of paper will be handed out to each customer explaining what our mission is and what SEWMG uses the money for.
 - This is the 40th year for SEWMG. We are working on some ways to celebrate this event.
 - Sue Ratkowski and Diane are working on better signage, especially in the Aldo Leopold area.
 - Bonnie Paplham reported that the 2016 Plant Sale donation letters were sent out at the end of December to non-SEWMG members. The complete Plant Sale donation list for 2016 is on the SEWMG website under plant sale.

- Garden Support – Catherine Price reported:
 - The Volunteer Opportunity Fair was well attended. There were many positive comments about how the rooms were set up by county. Over 200 people signed in for the VOF and about 230 were there for the speaker, Mike Maddox.
 - The next Garden Chair Forum scheduled for Wednesday, March 22th from 6:30PM-8:00 PM at Boerner Botanical Garden.
 - The Public Garden Tour is June 25, 2017. The tour includes Northpoint Lighthouse, Maryland Montessori School, and the Fox 6 garden.
 - The Garden Chair handbook is almost ready. It should be ready for the Garden Chair Forum.

- In-House Education: Catherine Price reported:
 - The next program is February 13, 2017, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Brookfield Library.
Topic: "Eat Locally all Year: Plant a high-Yield Garden" by Megan Cain.

- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
 - The trip to Garfield Conservatory and Chicago Botanical Gardens for the Orchid Show is full. The trip filled up quickly despite the increase in cost.

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- The trip to Jerry Nelson's home is June 7, 2017. The signup will be May 2, 2017 and will be limited to 40 people.
- The trip to Roots Chocolates and the Crane Foundation is August 18, 2017. Registration will take place in early July.
- Life Long Gardening – Liz Burke reported:
 - 12 presentations are scheduled so far for 2017.
 - The committee met with Mike Maddox. They are planning on making another video – this one on hand tools.
 - The committee is preparing for the International Master Gardener Convention in Portland, Oregon in July.
- Special Events – Faouzi Kablaoui reported:
 - The signup sheet is full for the Home and Garden Show. Tickets will be sent out on March 7.
 - Sharon Morrisey has a committee working on the display at the Home and Garden Show. The next meeting is February 18, 2017 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin and Bette Frangish reported
 - Clothing was displayed at the Volunteer Opportunity Fair. At least 50 MGV's completed survey sheets.
 - The online store for clothing should be open in late February, early March. The items ordered should arrive in April.
- Sunshine – No report
- WIMGA – No report
- Membership – No report
- Newsletter – Sandy Manning reported:

The newsletter will be out soon. Ann Weronke and Janet Wintersberger come up with the topics for the articles for each newsletter. If you have any topics that you would like in the newsletter, please contact Sandy, Ann, or Janet.

New Business – Sharon Morrisey reported:

- Sharon handed out 2 UW-Ext fact sheets: "Cucumber Mosaic" and Eastern Filbert Blight."
- The new directory was made available in pdf form and word form (which can be changed on your own computer). A hard copy will be available upon request but must be picked up at the UW-Ext office.
- The Level 2 training is posted on the website.
- The pruning workshops are set up. Ann Wied will send out an email as to dates and locations.
- Plant Health Advisor Training is March 18, 2017 and April 1, 2017 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- The Volunteer Opportunity Directory is still a work in progress.
- This year is the 40th anniversary for the Master Gardener program in Milwaukee. A committee is working on ways to celebrate the anniversary.
- Sharon handed out a brochure talking out the S.E.E.D. Initiative program. Volunteers are needed as garden mentors. Read more about this project in the March-April newsletter.
- Information is coming out slowly about the restructuring of the UW-Extension program. More information will be given out in April.

Nancy Lehrer reported:

- Watch for emails when volunteers are needed.

Announcements

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Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 3/8/17 9:30 AM at Waukesha County Courthouse.**

Adjourned at 10:40am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary