

## SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date February 11, 2015

**Members Present: 26**

**Meeting was called to order** by President, Pat Adrian at 9:32am.

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for January 14, 2015 were accepted as posted on the web site.

**Treasurer's Report** for January, 2015 was given by Lindy Pawlak and approved.

### **Old Business**

#### Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer and Diane Thieme reported:
  - Bill informed us that the January 29 Plant Sale meeting was well attended. Ed and Bill ordered supplies from Carlins. Diane ordered shrubs and perennials Klehm Song Sparrow for the sale.
  - Diane reported that there will be something special to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the plant sale. The committee is looking into a drawing for prizes which could be pens, T-shirts, or a 20 in television on Saturday only. More information to come.
  - Diane reported that the committee is looking into other sources of publicity such as TV and/or radio stations, and local newspaper ads.
- Garden Support – Sue Ratkowski reported:
  - The Volunteer Opportunity Fair was well attended. There were many positive comments. Next year's Volunteer Opportunity Fair is scheduled for January 23, 2016 at Boerner Botanical Garden.
  - 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 Public Library, Nu Genesis, Historic Dousman Stagecoach and Eble gardens. (Eble may need a special events permit)
  - The next Garden Support Committee meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup> after the business meeting at the Waukesha County Courthouse.
- In-House Education: Judy Williamson reported for Rita Piper:
  - The February 7, 2015 program at the New Berlin Library was well attended and had many positive comments.
  - April 14, 2015, Petit Center, Topic: Straw Bale Gardening
  - May 2015 Topic: Life Long Gardening Demonstration
  - Fall – possible programs are fall cleanup, houseplants, hummingbirds and butterflies
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
  - March 20, 2015 – Chicago Flower Show Bus Trip. Bus is full with a waiting list of 10 people
  - May 27, 2015 – Jerry Nelson Tour (topic is Edible Landscape)
  - July 17, 2015 – Greg Bergman Garden, Lake Forest, IL Bus Trip
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - Kay Costello will be speaking at the Region 2 American Hemerocallis Society Winter Meeting on February 21, 2015
  - The committee will be speaking on the stage area during the Milwaukee Home Show in March
- Special Events – No report

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- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported
  - Order blanks will be available online as soon as the prices are confirmed
- Sunshine – No report
- WIGMA – No report
- Membership – Pat Adrian and Nancy Lehrer reported
  - 653 SEWMG members. Directory should be ready soon
- SEWMG “Graduation/Celebration” – Pat Adrian reported
  - Celebration was very nice and well attended
- Audit – Liz Burke reported
  - Audit committee (Bill Shaffer, Mary Korntved, Liz Burke, and Jeffrey Trader met on February 10, 2015

### **New Business**

- Nancy Lehrer reported
  - Speakers Workshop on February 14, 2015 at the UW Extension building
  - Watch for emails for announcements when speakers are needed
  - March 5, 12, 26 and April 2, 2015 Level 2 training at Boerner Botanical Garden from 6:30-9:00 PM. Topic is Living with Wildlife. Registration information will be available in February 16 or 17.

### **Announcements**

- Diane Thieme announced that someone has donated the use of an 8' x 16' trailer for the plant sale and a rototiller. Contact Diane Thieme about the rototiller.

### **Reminders:**

- **Next Meeting is 3/11/15, 9:30 at Waukesha County Courthouse.**

### **Adjourned** at 10:40am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary