

SEWMG General Meeting Minutes

Date March 8, 2017

Members Present: 29

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

Prior Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2017 were accepted as posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report for February, 2017 was sent by Pat Conole and approved.

Audit Report – Roger Kocher reported:

- o Roger reported that the audit is finished and recommendations will be forthcoming.

Old Business

Committees

- o Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer and Diane Thieme reported:
 - Diane reported that the organizational meeting for the Plant Sale will be March 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the UW-Extension Building.
 - The Milwaukee Metropolitan area (Milwaukee/Waukesha counties) is celebrating 40 years of the Master Gardener program. This event will be recognized at the plant sale.
 - The Facebook page for the SEWMG Plant Sale will change after this year's sale.
 - More information will be handed out at the plant sale about where the money from the sale goes and promoting the Master Gardener Program.
 - Contact Mary Redlinger if you have any donations for the Silent Auction which is held on Friday during the pre-sale for all Master Gardeners in good standing.
 - Patty Witt is working on the Pot-a-thon Schedule.
 - If anyone wants to donate plants for the 2018 sale, please notify Patty Witt so that your garden can be checked this summer for jumping worms.
- o Garden Support – Catherine Price reported:
 - The Garden Chair Forum is March 22, 2017.
 - The Public Garden Tour is June 25, 2017. There will only be two gardens: Northpoint Lighthouse and Maryland Montessori School.
 - The Garden Chair handbook is finished and will be handed out at the Garden Chair Forum.
- o In-House Education: Judy Williamson reported for Rita Piper:
 - There is a speaker on Saturday, March 11 at the New Berlin Library on "Gardening in the Shade."
 - There is a speaker on April 1, 2017 on "New Rose Trends."
- o Trips and Tours – nothing
- o Life Long Gardening – nothing
- o Special Events – nothing
- o Clothing – Peg Schellin reported
 - There were about 44 orders this spring. Clothing should be ready by the end of the month.
- o Sunshine – No report
- o Membership – No report
- o WIGMA – John Hahn reported:

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- WIMGA will have its own website in the future. It can no longer be on the UW-Extension website.
- The State Conference is October 13-14 in West Bend, WI

New Business

- Ann Wied reported:
 - Pruning Workshop – more than 50 people attended the two workshops
 - There are 144 Master Gardeners enrolled in the Level 2 class.
 - The goal is to have the Volunteer Directory finished and available for the new Level 1 class in September. Each project and garden will have a short description.

Announcements

- Newsletter deadline is April 1, 2017.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 4/12/17, 9:30 am at Boerner Botanical Garden.**

Adjourned at 10:05am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary