

SEWMG General Meeting Minutes

Date March 9, 2016

Members Present: 28

Meeting was called to order by President, Liz Burke at 9:31am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2016 and January 13, 2016 were accepted as posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report for February, 2016 was given by Pat Conole and approved.

- Havenswood Heritage Garden did not have a chairperson during the latter part of 2015, therefore no budget was submitted for 2016. The garden now has two co-chairpersons. A motion was moved and seconded to take \$500 from the contingency fund and give it to Havenswood Heritage Garden for 2016.

Audit Report – Mark Pawlak reported:

- Mark discussed the 10 recommendations that were brought up by the Audit committee.
- The Audit was accepted and the recommendations will go to the finance committee.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer and Diane Thieme reported:
 - Bill reported that the organizational meeting for the Plant Sale will be March 14, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the UW-Extension Building. Trailer Day is Monday, April 4 and Carlin Day is Monday, April 11.
 - Diane reported that the focus plants will be crabapples (6 varieties) and dianthus (5 varieties). These plants and others were ordered from Klehm's Song Sparrow.
 - Diane made a flyer for the Plant Sale which can be posted by members.
 - Bonnie Papham is printing new pictures for the sale. The goal is to have a picture for each plant.
 - Bill will take care of having a port-a-pot at Eble Park for each Pot-a-thon.
- Garden Support – Catherine Price reported:
 - The committee plans on visiting 9 to 10 gardens in 2016 and 1 revisit.
 - The committee is working on the 2017 Public Garden Tour. They will choose four gardens. The names of the four gardens will be announced at the Garden Chair Forum.
 - The Garden Support Committee is working on the mission statement and goals for the Garden Support Committee.
- In-House Education: Catherine Price reported for Rita Piper:
 - Everything is scheduled for the next several months.
- Trips and Tours – nothing
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Kay reported that the committee is continuing to work on the Application for the international Garden Search for Excellence Award which is due August 1, 2016.
 - The committee will have a tool display at the Garden Chair Forum.
 - The committee has many displays and programs coming up. Some are outside Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.
 - The committee will have a program on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at State Fair Park from 9:30-11:00am.
- Special Events – nothing

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- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported
 - Online store is not open yet. She is working on a new logo. She hopes to have the store open by the end of the month.
- Sunshine – No report
- Membership – No report
- Project Outreach – Ann Wied reported
 - The committee is starting slow but is starting to give presentations about the Master Gardener program. They are giving talks on gardening in small spaces and container gardening.
 - If anyone is interested in joining the committee, you should contact Ann Wied.
- WIGMA – John Hahn reported:
 - WIMGA has 10 board meetings each year; 8 telephone meetings and 2 face-to-face.
 - WIMGA will have its own website in the future. It will no longer be on the UW-Extension website.

New Business

- Ann Wied reported:
 - Pruning Workshop – more than 60 people attended the two workshops
 - Handed out the Waukesha County Environmental Education Activity Guide
 - Milwaukee and Waukesha counties will remain standalone counties under the changes for the UW-Extension. Many other counties will be combined.

Announcements

- Newsletter deadline is April 1
- Diane Thieme announced that the Service Enterprise Initiative was certified. More information about this will be given in the next newsletter

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 4/13/16, 6:00 pm at the UW-Extension Office.**

Adjourned at 10:52am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary