

## SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date March 11, 2015

**Members Present: 28**

**Meeting was called to order** by President, Pat Adrian at 9:31am.

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

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

### **Old Business**

- Plant for Excellence Competition update by Pat Adrian
  - We did not place in the top 3
  - Average score was 87.5

### Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer and Diane Thieme reported:
  - Bill reported that on March 30, the trailer will be reconfigured. April 6 is Carlin Supply day. We need to rent a third storage unit for 1 month for the overflow of pots and fafard. We need drivers On April 6 to pick up supplies and deliver them to pot-a-thon locations. Emails will be sent out for times for both events. Bill was meeting with State Fair Park officials on March 11.
  - Diane reported that MMSD donated 600-800 individual packets of milorganite and several 5 pound bags for the sale.
  - Diane is working on a video of the plant sale and is hoping to have it ready for the Garden Support Committee meeting on March 19.
  - Ed Kraus ordered tree peonies for the plant sale.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
  - The next Garden Chair Forum is scheduled for Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM-8:15 PM at Boerner Botanical Garden. There will be 12 presenters. Carolyn Dressler will present a power point presentation on "What's New in Flowers and Plants in 2015. The trifold pamphlet has been updated and will be given to the garden chairpersons.
  - 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.
  - The Garden Support Committee is working on the mission statement and goals for the Garden Support Committee.
- In-House Education: Judy Williamson reported for Rita Piper:
  - April 14, 2015, Petit Center, 6:30-8:00. Topic: Straw Bale Gardening
  - May 2015 Topic: Life Long Gardening Demonstration in the DNR area of State Fair Park
- Trips and Tours – nothing
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - Kay reported that the committee has 4 displays and 3 presentations already scheduled for this year
  - The committee is working on how to help shoppers that need assistance at the plant sale. They are also working on better displays.
  - Kay is working with Mike Maddox on training people throughout the state with the topic and tools of life long gardening.
- Special Events – Nancy Lehrer reported:
  - The schedule is filled for the Home and Garden Show

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- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported
  - 63 SEWMG members ordered clothing (46 patches, 26 ladies and 2 men's pullovers, 28 T-shirts, 32 aprons, and 12 caps. Peg ordered 100 patches to get a good price so patches are still be available for purchase). Peg will pick up the clothing on March 26. The clothing will be available for pickup in late March or early April.
- 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 is trying to come up with a clearer message of what WIMGA does. WIMGA solicits for locations for state conventions. It works with 56 organizations around the state.
- Audit – Liz Burke reported
  - The Audit committee made the following recommendations
  - Need a process for documenting void checks
  - Need read only for Quick Books
  - Need a separate accounting report for Plant Sale and Trips
  - Put some of the money in a CD if the rates go up.

### New Business

- Ann Wied reported:
  - Pruning Workshop on March 24 and 28
  - Composing on May 2
  - Handed out the Waukesha County Environmental Education Activity Guide
  - Handed out the 2015 Spotlight handout
  - Bus trip to Madison for Waukesha County residents on April 30, 2015 to talk to state legislators or their staff members about what UW-Extension is doing around the state.
  - March 20, 10:00-5:00 at Alverno College, the State Finance Committee is meeting to discuss budget cuts
- Nancy Lehrer reported;
  - The 2015 directory is available online. Next year we may show a rough draft first and ask members to report any changes before the directory is published.

### Announcements

- Newsletter deadline is March 25.

### Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 4/8/15, 9:30 at Boerner Botanical Garden.**

### Adjourned at 10:41am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Papham, SEWMG secretary