

## SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date April 8, 2015

**Members Present: 26**

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

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for March 11, 2015 were accepted as posted on the web site.

**Treasurer's Report** for March, 2015 was given by Lindy Pawlak and approved. 2014 tax forms have been completed and submitted.

### **Old Business**

#### Committees

- Plant Sale – Patty Witt, Bill Shaffer, and Diane Thieme reported:
  - Patty Witt reported that the Pot-a-thon schedule is out. There are 12 Pot-a-thons scheduled and 14 homes that need plants dug out.
  - Bill Shaffer thanked Pat Adrian for the nice email that she sent out to the membership about the Plant Sale.
  - Diane reported that she has a meeting next week trying to get a story into the Milwaukee Journal. She also talked about the T-shirts for the give-a-way and about selling them to Master Gardeners for possibly \$10 each.
  - Diane showed the video of the History of the Plant Sale to the members attending the April business meeting. She indicated that she still wants to make some minor changes to it. It was well received with many positive comments.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
  - There is an article in the May/June newsletter which summarizes everything that the committee is working on.
- In-House Education: Joy Towell reported for Rita Piper:
  - April 14, 2015, Petit Center, 6:30-8:00. Topic: Straw Bale Gardening
  - Kay Costello reported that on May 14, 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 there will be a Life Long Gardening assistance program at the SEWMG Plant Sale on Saturday, May 16. They will help customers who have difficulty accessing the plants; pull sleds; or load cars for people who have disabilities. The helpers will wear armbands. Posters near the gate will explain the service.
  - Kay sent the program on Joint protection to Mike Maddox.
  - It was suggested that the LLG committee put a list of tools for life long gardening on the website with sources of where to purchase them.
- Special Events – Sharon Morissey reported for Faouzi Kablaoui
  - The setup for State Fair is coming up. The Home Show went well.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported
  - There are some back orders on the clothing. The remainder have been delivered to the UW – Extension offices or Peg or Betty's homes. 32 patches are still left to be sold.
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
  - Darlene Lochbihler had surgery and is home. She thanks everyone for the cards.

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- Membership – Patty Witt reported
  - 8 more members have paid their dues since February 1, 2015.
- Project Outreach – No report
- WIGMA – No report

### New Business

- Judy Savage reported that the Master Gardeners in San Diego had a program on PBS about using gray water
- Sharon Morissey reported
  - She thanked SEWMG for the donation of \$1500.
  - Volunteer Orientation meeting at Boerner is on April 9 from 9:00 – 12:00
  - Plant Health Advisor meeting is on April 22.
  - Hort Center opens May 1.
  - Sharon is working on a more prominent location for the Plant Health Advisors.
  - An Urban Agriculture program is looking for garden mentors.
  - Fox 6 gardens – they are going to redo the raised beds
  - Plant Sale Week – Monday – do segments with Sharon on Fox 6 during the morning news
  - Level 1 training begins in September

### Correspondence

- A thank you letter was received from The Friends of the Boerner Botanical Garden for two donations. One donation was for children's public education program and the other for obtaining plant materials or supplementing the training of the Horticulture Team at Boerner Botanical Garden.
- A thank you letter was received from UW-Extension, Milwaukee County, for the contribution in support of the Urban Agriculture education programs.
- A thank you letter was received from UW-Extension, Milwaukee County, for the contribution in support of office wide educational programs.
- A thank you letter was received from UW-Extension, Milwaukee County, for the contribution in support of Consumer Horticultural educational programs.
- A thank you letter was received from UW-Extension, Waukesha County, for the contribution in support of UW-Extension Commercial Horticulture program in Waukesha County.
- A thank you letter was received from UW-Extension, Waukesha County, for the contribution in support of the UW-Extension Master Gardener Program in Waukesha County.

### Announcements

- Kay Costello announced that she is organizing a Relay for Life team called Gardening for a Cure. The event is scheduled for July 24, 2015.
- Ken Loeffel announced that there is a Garden Support meeting on April 8, following the regular business meeting.
- Please notify Mary or Fred Redlinger if you use coffee supplies.
- Contact your legislator about budget cuts.

### Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 5/20/15, 6:30 PM at Boerner Botanical Garden.**

### Adjourned at 10:54 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Papham, SEWMG secretary