

SEWMG General Meeting Minutes

Date April 12, 2017

Members Present: 23

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

Prior Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2017 were reviewed but not approved as posted on the web site because we did not have a quorum.

Treasurer's Report for March, 2017 was given by Pat Conole and approved.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme, Bill Shaffer, and Patty Witt reported:
 - The Plant Sale Orientation meeting held on March 16, 2017 was attended by 61 MGV.
 - 178 T-shirts will be ordered for the sale. The color for experienced MGVs is Carolina Blue. The color for first time workers will be gray.
 - Volunteer sign-ups for Sale Day have begun. If you want to work in a specific area, sign up at a pot-a-thon or contact Sue Ratkowski or Diane Thieme.
 - We are thinking about putting a QR code on the map, so customers can look up the plant sale list at the sale.
 - Customers will receive a hand out at the sale with our mission statement, an explanation as to what the money from the sale is used for, planting directions, and instructions for a short online survey. There will be new signage and a thank you banner.
 - Bill announced that there was great attendance at Storage Day and Carlin Day. A big thank you to everyone who helped.
 - Patty announced that Roy Diblik from Northwinds Perennials donated plants to the sale.
 - Pat Adrian announced that email reminders will be sent out with dates and directions to all pot-a-thons. Updates will be given after each PAT indicated the number of volunteers and the number of plants potted.
- Garden Support – Jennifer Lazewski reported:
 - The Garden Support Forum was held in March. A representative from each garden attended.
 - The new Approved Garden Project C-Chairs Handbook (binder) was handed out.
 - There is a tab on the SEWMG website called "Approved Garden Projects" which has all the information needed for approved gardens and projects.
 - Garden reviews are set up for the summer.
 - The next Garden Support Meeting will be after the April General Meeting.
- In-House Education: - nothing
- Trips and Tours: Doris Fons reported
 - The trip to Garfield Conservatory and Chicago Botanical Gardens Orchid Show was enjoyed by all who attended. The weather was great.
 - Working on the August trip.
 - Trip to Jerry Nelson on June 7. Theme is 'Growing Vertically'. Registration begins May 2.
- Life Long Gardening – Liz Burke reported:
 - The LLG group has been very busy with presentations.
- Special Events – nothing

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- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported:
 - There were 64 orders for 120 clothing items. The service from the vendor was great.
 - Several new clothing items will be donated to the Silent Auction at the Master Gardener pre-sale.
 - Next January, there will be samples of all clothing items at the Volunteer Opportunity Fair that will be offered during the spring clothing sale.
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - If you know of anyone who has surgery and needs a cheery card, please contact Judy. Some MGV do not want their illnesses or surgery reported on the listserv but could use a cheery card.
- Membership – Patty Witt reported
 - There are 711 paid members. 9 Master Gardeners have not paid their 2017 membership dues.
- Project Outreach – No report
- WIGMA – No report

New Business

- Sharon Morissey - no report
- Nancy Lehrer – no report

Correspondence

Announcements

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 5/10/17, 9:30 AM at Boerner Botanical Garden.**
- **June 14, 2017, at Waukesha County Extension Office 9:30 AM**
- **July 12, 2017, Boerner Botanical Garden 6:30 PM**

Adjourned at 10:33 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Papham, SEWMG secretary