

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
Date May 09, 2012

Members Present: 26

Meeting was called to order by President Dan Cummings at 9:31am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2012 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report for April 2012 was given by Treasurer, Patty Witt and approved as read.

Old Business

Committees

- In House Education – Peg Fleury reported:
 - Waukesha meeting had 40 people attending; New Genesis was a very good presentation.
 - The education survey results from the people at the April meeting were tied for evening and sat program, pay or not pay.
 - Meeting next month to plan for 2012 and 2013.
- Bus Trip – Doris Fons reported:
 - Jerry Nelson sign up started at 9:15. Please read original email distribution for sign up and event information.
 - June 5th sign up by email 12:01am for Bus Trip July 20 to Allen Centennial Garden, Song Sparrow and Rotary Garden. Can only do 1 bus. Capacity is 55.
- Garden Support – Mary Thiele reported:
 - Volunteer fair will be continued next year. Planned for Jan 19th this is after the next training class graduation.
 - Garden visits will be done again this year and will be discussed at today's Garden Support meeting.
- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer reported:
 - Check out the plant sale page on the website for actual approved plants for 2012 and review list for what you want to buy. There is a wide variety. Ed discussed trilliums and tree peonies – 1 per customer.
 - Channel 6 will be on site on Thurs for segment interviews. And, Bill was interviewed on radio 94.5.
 - Sharon shared education part of plant sale. She will send email out for MG to sign up for topic area to list serve.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Mike Maddox will be taking pictures of garden tools and posting on his website.
 - 3 presentations completed: Waukesha County employee at the court house, Rotary Garden and Wheaton Systems.

- Website – Judy Williamson reported:
 - Looking to purchase Adobe Acrobat so that documents can be put together so they display properly.
 - Handouts from Judy Savage’s presentation, “Digging Deeper” consisting of many helpful resources available on the Master Gardener Web Site, will be available in next couple of days. These handouts provide resources for locating gardening information on the Internet.
 - Judy will have the draft document identifying responsibilities and who to go to for various Master Gardener Volunteer questions by the next business meeting.

Other

- Dan shared that the Inspire by Example volunteer luncheon was attended by 7 members Dan selected.
- Linda reported that thank you notes were received from Marcia Zientek for the Inspire by Example luncheon and Cheryl Rasmann for cards and well wishes.

New Business

- Sharon Morrissey/Horticulture Agent/Educator reported:
 - Provided facts sheets, free copies available at meetings, to be sent out to list serv.
 - Looking for MG volunteers to care for gardens at MCE building entrance contact her if interested.
 - Printed directories are available for 2011 at MCE office. The next directory will be published Jan 2013 after next training class is completed.
- Nancy Lehrer, Volunteer Coordinator shared:
 - There are lots of presentations that need to be filled.
 - Discussion of using a coach or mentor for new speaking volunteers, attendees agreed that’s a good idea.
 - She has program requests and report forms for garden chairs. If you need assistance completing contact Nancy on a Tues. The forms are available on the website under documents and at business meetings.
- Garden Tour, Janet Wintersberger reported:
 - Tours of 3 gardens will be on 6/23 10am to 2pm, Kneeland-Walker House, Ronald McDonald House Secret Garden, Sussex Outreach Services.
 - Tours of 4 gardens on 6/25 4pm to 8pm, Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital, Ten Chimneys Historic Landmark, Pewaukee Public Library Rain Garden.
 - Both tours are free and open to the public. Information handout will be available at the plant sale.
- Annual Picnic, Dan Cummings discussed:
 - Location and date for the annual picnic. Alternatives were discussed. A decision will be made by the next business meeting.
 - An anchor meal item will be provided this year by the board with potluck requests for sides, desserts, etc.

Announcements:

- Next meeting at Waukesha, 6/13 at 9:30am.
- Newsletter deadline 6/1 for July/August.
- Ed Kraus and Judy Schmidt gardens will be part of the day lily tour on 7/21/12.
- Boerner is still looking for weeders.

Adjourned: at 10:40am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary