

SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date May 10, 2017

Members Present: 27

Meeting was called to order by President-elect, Roger Kocher at 9:30am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2017 and March 8, 2017 were accepted as posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report for April, 2016 was given by Pat Conole and approved. Pat would like to remind all Garden Chairs to submit forms for reimbursement as soon as possible.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme and Bill Shaffer reported:
 - Diane reported that all pot-a-thons are completed and were well attended.
 - The sign-up sheets for Plant Sale Date is filled except for four positions. Anyone who shows up on Saturday will be assigned an area.
 - T-shirts, signage, and tally sheets are ordered.
 - Diane is creating a four-page handout for customers that includes the map and an explanation of our mission and what the proceeds from the Plant Sale are used for,
 - The workday on Monday at State Fair Park will begin at 11:00am. Tuesday – Thursday, the workday will begin at 9:00 am.
 - The Pre-sale for SEWMGs is on Friday from 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Workers can report at 2:00 pm.
 - Bill and Diane will do a walk though at State Fair Park on Friday, May 12 to make sure everything is ready for Plant Sale Week. Bill will ask about the DNR area for next year.
 - Bonnie Papham is working on the Plant Sale List and will send it out as an Excel spreadsheet and in pdf form. About 200 new pictures were added this year.
- Garden Support – Jennifer Lazewski reported:
 - The committee met on April 12, 2017.
 - The committee is talking about moving the Garden Chair Forum meeting to an earlier date in March for 2018.
 - The Public Garden Tour is Sunday, June 25, 2017. The tour gardens are North Point Light House and Maryland Avenue Montessori School.
 - The Polish Community Center will have an Open Garden on July 16, 2017.
- In-House Education – nothing
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
 - The Jerry Nelson trip is filled.
 - On August 18, 2017 there is a trip to Roots Chocolate Farm and a Lavender Farm.
- Life Long Gardening – Liz Burke reported:
 - The committee has completed the rain barrel for the New Berlin Library.
- Special Events – nothing
- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported:
 - All clothing orders (except one) have been picked up.
 - There will be four clothing items in the silent auction.
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:

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- Some Master Gardeners do not want information about surgery or illnesses to be sent out on the list serv. She will send a card when this occurs.
- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
 - Two more members have paid their dues.
- WIMGA – John Hahn reported
 - They are in the process of revising the bylaws.
 - They are working on a long range plan.
 - SEWMG members have expressed concerns about the background check. This is required by the University of Wisconsin. It must be completed by October. A new link will be sent out to members who did not complete the form the first time. It is good for 5 days. A background check is required every four years. If a member does not want to complete the form on the computer, they can do a paper form. You must contact Sharon Morrissey or Betsy Vokac if you want to complete they paper form because they must fill out part of it themselves.
 - The new WIMGA website is up. It is WIMGA.org.
 - The State WIMGA meeting is in September in West Bend. Signup begins June 1.

New Business

- Nancy Lehrer reported:
 - Speakers are needed for several talks. Respond to emails when interested.
 - Sharon Morrissey has worked for UW-Extension for 25 years.
- Susan reported:
 - Plant Health Advisors are available at Boerner Botanical Garden from 10 am – 2 pm, at the extension office, or online. The volume for April was very heavy.
- Sharon Morrissey reported:
 - Plant Health Updates are scheduled every 2 weeks on Thursday evenings at the UW-Ext Office from 6:30-8:00 pm. The next one is May 18, 2016.
 - Wisconsin Horticulture updates are given every Friday morning from 9:30-10:30 am. These count for 1 hour of continuing education.
 - Project S.E.E.D. (Sowing, Empowering, and Eliminating Food Deserts) will need more volunteers. An article in the March-April newsletter gave an explanation of the program and where volunteers are needed. Look for future emails from Sharon for more information.
 - June 4, 2017 there will be a book sale at UW-Extension from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.
 - There is a meeting on June 21, 2017 for anyone who wants to participate on the Relay For Life Team. The meeting will take place at the UW-Extension office on Watertown Plank Road. The Relay for Life is July 14, 2017.
 - Extension office will be moving. They are looking at possible sites. The space will be smaller. The new site may not have large classrooms or meeting rooms.
 - More information will be given by July 1, 2017 for changes to the UW- Extension (Next Gen).

Correspondence - nothing

Announcements

- The deadline for the next newsletter is June 1. Contact Janet Wintersberger or Ann Weronke.

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- **Next Meeting is 6/14/17, 9:30 AM at Waukesha County Extension Office.**

Adjourned at 10:40pm

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary