

SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date May 11, 2016

Members Present: 25

Meeting was called to order by President, Liz Burke at 9:30am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2016 and March 9, 2016 were accepted as posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report for April, 2016 was given by Pat Conole and approved. Pat Conole reported that \$100 was donated from the Elm Grove Beautification Committee. Bill Shaffer gave a talk to the group.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Ed Kraus, Bill Shaffer, and Diane Thieme reported:
 - Bill Shaffer will send out an email for Plant Sale Week which begins Monday, May 16.
 - Diane Thieme reported that she ordered 100 cranberry shirts and 43 gray shirts for Plant Sale Day. Master Gardeners will be able to sign up to work in a specific area before Plant Sale Day. The sign-up sheets will be available during Plant Sale Week. Anyone who shows up on Saturday will be assigned an area.
 - Silent Auction items will have a tally sheet. The Silent Auction will be located between the gates.
 - 264 plants from Klehm's Song Sparrow will be picked up on Thursday.
 - Bonnie Papham reported that most plants will have a picture. The complete list of plants will be sent out on Excel and as a pdf file.
 - Mary Redlinger reported that there will be a Life Long Gardening class on Thursday morning at State Fair Park on using the tools.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - The committee met on April 13, 2016.
 - The Volunteer Opportunity Fair will be held on January 21, 2017 at Boerner Botanical Garden from 9:00 – 10:30am. The educational program will be from 11:00 – 12:15pm. The committee passed on the information about having the gift shop open.
 - The committee will visit 11 gardens during 2016.
 - The gardens selected for the 2017 Public Garden Tour are: North Point Light House, Maryland Avenue Montessori School, Fox 6 Garden, and Polish Community Center.
- In-House Education - nothing
- Trips and Tours – nothing
- Life Long Gardening –
- Special Events – Faouzi Kablaoui reported
 - State Fair still has 50 slots that need to be filled. The tickets have been ordered for the people that work at the booth during State Fair in August.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported:
 - 9 people have not picked up their clothing yet. 6 people had the clothing sent to their homes. The next sale will be during the fall Level I class.
 - Aprons and tools will be sold at the Plant Sale Friday evening and Saturday.
- 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 – nothing
- Project Outreach – No report
- WIMGA – nothing

New Business

- Sharon Morrisey reported:
 - 22 people attended the Plant Health Advisor training program. 33 PHA's will work in Milwaukee County at the Hort Center, Farmer's Markets, etc.
 - Plant Health Updates are scheduled every 2 weeks on Tuesday evenings at the UW-Ext Office from 6:30-8:00 pm. The next one is May 17, 2016.
 - Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities – worked at Walnut Way 16th Street Health Center. The need more help.
 - The Seed Initiative – The goal is to add one million new square feet of garden in Milwaukee County for 2016. So far, they have created raised beds at 9 sites.
 - There will be no course for the Bee Keeping Program this year.
 - Ann and Sharon are looking for volunteers to help with the Volunteer Opportunity Directory.
- The deadline for the next newsletter is June 1. Contact Janet Wintersberger or Ann Weronke.
- The MGV picnic is August 18, 2016 at Mitchell Park Pavilion, 119900 River Road, Brookfield, WI.

Correspondence - nothing

Announcements

- The meeting on August 10, 2016 will begin at 6:30pm instead of 6:00pm at the UW-Ext Office.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 6/8/16, 9:30 AM at BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDEN.**

Adjourned at 10:42am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Papham, SEWMG secretary