

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date May 20, 2015

Members Present: 28

Meeting was called to order by President, Pat Adrian at 6:08pm.

Prior Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2015 were accepted as posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report for April, 2015 was given by Lindy Pawlak and approved.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Ed Kraus, Bill Shaffer, and Diane Thieme reported:
 - Ed Kraus reported that the Plant Sale was one of the most successful sales that SEWMG has ever had. He will send out an email asking for comments on this year's sale to make improvements for next year's sale.
 - Bill Shaffer addressed some of the issues that were raised about reporting accidents, parking, clean porta potties for the weekend, more sleds, etc. These issues will be discussed at the Plant Sale wrap up meeting. The date of the meeting has not been determined. Habitat for Humanity picked up the leftover plants on Monday afternoon (about 100 flats).
 - Diane Thieme reported that 129 Master Gardener volunteers picked up T-shirts and worked at the sale. There were 231 transactions on Friday night, 817 transactions on Saturday, and 13 transactions on Monday. There were some errors on the tally sheets which was about 0.5% of the total revenue collected.
 - The map that Ed Kraus drew and was handed out to the customers was well received.
 - Bonnie Paplham will be sending out emails this summer reminding Master Gardener's to take pictures of plants that they want to donate to the 2016 sale.
 - Mary Redlinger thought that there were too many items in this year's silent auction (about 40). Next year we should limit the number to around 30 items.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - The committee met on April 8, 2015. They reviewed the Garden Chair forum that was held in March.
 - The committee is working on the mission statement and goals.
 - The next meeting is on June 10, 2015, following the business meeting.
 - Sue Ratkowski reported that the gardens should be ready for August 8.
- In-House Education - nothing
- Trips and Tours – nothing
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Kay reported that the Life Long Gardening assisted 4 customers at the SEWMG Plant Sale.
 - The committee made 3 presentations since the last business meeting and has 6 more presentations scheduled.
 - The committee had a display and demonstration at Allen Centennial Gardens on May 9. Mike Maddox videotaped the demonstration. It may be on the state master gardener site by September.
- Special Events – Sharon Morrissey reported for Faouzi Kablaoui
 - The setup for State Fair is coming up.
- Clothing – nothing

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- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - Darlene Lochbihler is back to volunteering.
 - Linda Reynolds had knee replacement surgery.
- Membership – Patty Witt reported
 - 8 more members have paid their dues since February 1, 2015.
- Project Outreach – No report
- WIMGA – John Hahn reported:
 - State MG Conference is July 31-August 1 2015 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin
 - International MG Conference is September 22 – September 25, 2015 in Council Bluffs, Iowa

New Business

- Sharon Morrissey reported
 - Sharon is encouraging the general public to voice opinions about what they want the UW-Extension to look like in the future. A public forum is scheduled for June 16, 2015. You must register by June 8.
 - Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities – 2 hour workshops are being scheduled. Soil scientists are helping with lead abatement. They need Master Gardeners to answer general gardening questions; about 15-20 minutes at each session.
 - At the Fox 6 Garden, Sharon is trying out a number of new things:
 - She planted grafted tomatoes. She will compare the grafted tomatoes to the regular tomatoes to see which is better.
 - She is doing trials of self-watering containers
 - She is using watering granules. She will compare watering with and without granules.
 - She is testing red trays, red mulches, and red poly,
 - She is trying blossom set.
- Nancy Lehrer is working on handouts for State Fair, presentations, Farmer's Markets, and some of the gardens.

Correspondence

- A donation was received from Meijer, Inc.
- A donation was received from Enderis Park Neighborhood Association, thanking SEWMG for Chris Weber's presentation.
- A thank you letter was received from Andrea Schneider, recipient of a scholarship to Stevens Point.

Announcements - nothing

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 6/10/15, 9:30 AM at WAUKESHA COURT HOUSE.**

Adjourned at 7:24 Pm

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Papham, SEWMG secretary