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## SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date June 8, 2016

**Members Present: 25**

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

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for May 11, 2016 were accepted as posted on the web site.

**Treasurer's Report** for May, 2016 was submitted by Pat Conole and approved.

### **Old Business**

#### Committees

- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme reported:
  - The committee will order 5 more colored shirts for next year's sale. There were 27 fewer Master Gardener sales on Friday night and 21 fewer sales on Saturday.
  - About 550 plants were donated to Habitat for Humanity. The leftover crabapple trees were planted at Dan Cumming's home and will be repotted for next year's sale.
  - The layout for cashiers and tallying will be changed from 3 rows to 2 rows to allow more space for sleds.
  - The committee will look into purchasing a thank you banner and list where the money from the sale goes. This will be displayed near the entrance/exit area.
  - There is a request for more butterfly kits. We need to have more plants that are used to make the kits. A list of desired plants will be sent out later.
  - Rename express checkout to small orders checkout.
  - The bags worked out well. We will try to get more next year.
  - We will have boxes at the gate that can be used when we run out of sleds.
  - A bigger sign is needed to indicate which plants are located in the Aldo Leopold area.
  - The pictures were a great success. More boxes are needed to store the pictures when the plants are sold out.
  - Silent Auction was a success. Most items were picked up by Saturday. Tally sheets worked well.
  - Bulbs need to be located in a different area. They were located in a very congested area. An email needs to be sent out before sale week reminding members to donate bulbs.
  - We need to improve on the Herbs section. Some herb plants were located in other areas. A suggestion was made to create a handout on some of the uses of some of the herbs.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
  - Nothing new at this time.
- In-House Education – nothing
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
  - The bus trip in July is filled with a waiting list.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - The committee has had 9 programs or displays so far this year. There are 5-7 more for the rest of the year.
  - One Master Gardener participated in the workshop at State Fair Park during Plant Sale Week. Thirteen Master Gardeners tried the tools at Kneeland Walker.
- Special Events – Faouzi Kablaoui
  - There are still 29 open slots for State Fair Park.

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- Clothing – Bette Frangesch reported:
  - Three different pruners and one lopper were sold at the plant sale. The tools were sold to 30 people at cost.
  - Clothing will be sold this fall during Level I training.
- Sunshine – nothing
- Membership – nothing
- WIMGA – John Hahn reported:
  - The State MG Conference will be combined with the Midwest Regional Conference on Sept 14-17, 2016 in Wisconsin Dells. Life Long Gardening Committee and the Plant Sale Committee will be giving talks.

### **New Business**

- Sandy Manning reported that the audit committee made 10 recommendations.
- Marcia Zientek, Judy Williamson, and Janet Wintersburger made a power point presentation on "What is the Master Gardener Program." They have given the presentation several times. Sharon has the power point program. It is about one hour long.
- Fran Luebke did a "Gardening for Children" program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. She did a map of the world and asked the children: Where does your food come from? She showed them where the food originated.

### **Correspondence** - none

### **Announcements**

- The MGV Annual Picnic is Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Mitchell Park Pavilion, 19900 River Road, Brookfield, WI. There will be a plant exchange.
- Pat Adrian is looking for people to fill positions for 2017. We need a President-elect and a board member. Contact Pat if you are interested.

### **Reminders:**

- **Next Meeting is 7/13/16, 9:30 AM at the UW Waukesha Extension which is located in the Waukesha County Courthouse Building.**
- The August 10, 2016 meeting is at **6:30pm** at the UW Extension office on Watertown Plank Road.

### **Adjourned** at 10:50 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary