

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date June 10, 2015

Members Present: 22

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

Prior Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2015 were not accepted as posted on the web site because of a lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report for May, 2015 was submitted by Lindy Pawlak and approved.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer, and Diane Thieme reported:
 - Bill Shaffer reported that the Plant Sale committee was meeting on June 25 to discuss the sale and discuss the email feedback that Ed Kraus received from 14 Master Gardeners. The committee will decide if it is necessary to have a large meeting at a later date.
 - Bill received a thank you note from Adam Heffron, Director of Events at State Fair Park. He would like some pictures to post on the State Fair Park website.
 - Diane Thieme reported that we may do a verbal exit survey next year consisting of about four questions.

- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - The committee met after the June 10 Business meeting.
 - The Volunteer Opportunity Fair is January 23, 2016 at Boerner Botanical Garden
 - The Garden Chair Forum is March 15, 2016.
 - The committee has completed work on the mission statement and is looking at the goals.
 - The committee is looking at the process for deciding how an approved garden can continue to be an approved garden.
 - Sue Ratkowski reported that the gardens for the public open house should be ready for August 8th tour.

- In-House Education – Joy Towell reported:
 - September 10, 2015 at Boerner Botanical Garden from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Topic: Fall Gardening – “Preparing for Winter and Improvements for Next Year’s Garden.”
 - October – Butterfly Gardening – no date at this time
 - November 7, 2015 at Shady Lane Greenhouses from 9:30 – 11:00 am. Topic: “Caring for Houseplants.”

- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
 - The bus trip to Greg Bergman and Cantingy Gardens in Lake Forest, Illinois filled up very quickly. Several people complained about the registration time or not having a second bus. It is not feasible to have a second bus. Doris has made several changes over the years to try to accommodate as many people as possible. The best thing to do is to get on the waiting list. Most of the time, all of the people on the waiting list get to take the trip.
 - Members at the meeting agreed that Doris has done an excellent job of handling the complaints when the bus fills up.

- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - The committee has 1 presentation and 3 displays scheduled before the August business meeting.
 - The committee has developed a new Show and Tell program which shows the right way and wrong way to do a task.

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- The committee has a Flip Chart which has the pictures on one side and the script on the back side. They used this at State Fair Park and the Wauwatosa Secret Garden Tour.

- About 30+ Master Gardeners participated in the workshop at State Fair Park during Plant Sale Week. There were many positive comments. Bill Shaffer suggested doing it again next year during Plant Sale Week.

- Special Events – nothing

- Clothing – nothing

- Sunshine – nothing

- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
 - The 2016 Annual Dues Application is in the July/August newsletter. Send the completed form and your check (made out to SEWMG) directly to Patty Witt.

- Project Outreach – Ann Wied reported:
 - Ann has not met with her committee recently. There are 4-5 committee members that have been making presentations.

- 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
 - Next year, the State MG Conference will be combined with the Midwest Regional Conference on Sept 14-17, 2016 in Wisconsin Dells.
 - Mike Maddox is putting more training online. Level 1 training is person-to-person. Level 2 training is online unless an area wants person-to-person.

New Business

- Ann Wied reported:
 - State Budget
 - The hiring process has slowed down
 - The UW-Extension will change – do not know how yet
 - There will be cuts in the number of Agriculture agents
 - Senior Hispanic Program – 3 Master Gardeners assisted is building a new raised bed
 - This is year 2 of the Garden Talk series at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. This is a monthly presentation.
 - Level 1 training begins in September. The daytime session will be in Milwaukee County (possibly at Havenwoods); the evening session will be in Waukesha County.
 - Ann has been giving a Garden and Nutrition Program Twice a week at the Huber Facility in Waukesha County. The program runs through September.
- Nancy Lehrer reported:
 - She is working on handouts for State Fair, presentations, Farmer's Markets, and some of the gardens.
 - About 50 Master Gardeners were bounced from the system on June 8. If you do not receive SEWMG email, contact Betsy Vokac.

Correspondence - none

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Announcements

- The MGV Annual Picnic is Thursday, August 20, 2015 at Mitchell Park Pavilion, 19900 River Road, Brookfield, WI. There will be a plant exchange.
- Kay Costello is organizing a 'Gardener's for a Cure Team. Contact her if you are interested.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 7/8/15, 9:30 AM at BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDEN.**

Adjourned at 10:40 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary