

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date May June 11, 2014

Members Present: 34

Meeting was called to order by President, Diane Thieme at 9:30am.

Prior Meeting Minutes reading May 21, 2014 minutes were dispensed with approval of a motion from meeting attendees and approved as posted on the web.

Treasurer's Report for May 2014 was provided by Lindy Pawlak and approval.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer reported:
 - Recap meeting is scheduled for 6/19 at 5pm a Bill Shaffer's home.
 - Working on trailer repairs. Fred suggests a sign for the trailer and Diane will check into it.
 - There will be an increase to the budget request for next year for plant material.
 - Patty will be looking for plants that can be healed in at Eble this summer as the veggie garden has space. Need water available before this is done.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - Next meeting is today after the business meeting.
 - They will be visiting 9 approved gardens this year.
 - Dates have been posted on the website calendar for the 2015 Opportunity Fair and Volunteer Forum.
 - They will be planning a public and MG gardener open house event in 2015, and working on a committee mission statement.
- In-House Education - Judy Williamson reported:
 - September 27, 2014 9:30am to 11:00am
Roof Top Basics
Speaker Christopher J. Schultz CPM, Water Quality Senior Project Manager MMSD
Pettitt National Ice Center, 500 S 84th St, Milwaukee, WI 53214
 - October 21, 2014 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Topic — Herbs
Speaker Marcia Carmichael
Brookfield Library, 1900 West Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI 53005
 - November - TBA
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
 - Sign up as begun for the July 18th bus trip to Green Bay Botanical Gardens and West of the Lake Gardens in Manitowoc.
 - Will start planning for next year.
- Special Events – Nancy Lehrer reported:
 - State Fair signup form at business meeting.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Committee will continue presenting programs and displays.
 - Ann Lopper has been elected chairman of the committee.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported:
 - Fall order will be in July newsletter, orders due 8/8.
 - Will send email reminders and samples will be at business meetings and catalog for color reference.
 - Pickup will be at Milwaukee and Waukesha Extension offices.

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- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - Provided update on ill member.
 - Kay Costello provided update on the Relay for Life team, Gardeners for the Cure's team.
- Technology – Ben Rucka reported:
 - Committee is putting together a survey to determine what organization members are interested in, such as a blog, etc.
 - Sharon is working on list serv issues with State IT organization. Nancy suggests contacting Sharon, Kathy or herself if you notice you are not getting emails from list serv.
 - Diane discussed miss use of list serv: reply all when not necessary, reminder of proper use, sending to garden team members.
 - Diane solicited 2 members to put together a summary of garden work days to be sent to list serv.
- Annual Picnic – Diane Thieme
 - Date is Thursday, 8/21.
 - Location is Mitchell Park Pavilion in Brookfield (same as last year).
 - Time - appetizers at 5pm, hot food served at 6pm.
 - Food – main entrée provided by officers and members bring a dish to pass.
 - Enter Mitchell Park from River Road or Capital as North Ave will be under construction.
 - Will provide email invite and reminders.

New Business

- Nancy Lehrer – Volunteer Coordinator reported:
 - Leave note on work table of the number of handouts you take from the office.
 - Fall training will be finalized by the last week of July. Email to folks on waiting list will be sent early July. If you know of someone who is interested supply their name, address, phone and email to Nancy.
- Thank-you
 - Linda presented contribution thank-you's from NuGenesis that will be used for garden supplies and Outagamie County Master Gardeners for the state conference.

Announcements

- East Side Garden Tour is on 7/27 is partnering with MMSD and is looking for rain garden experts to volunteer at tour.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 7/09/14, 9:30 at Waukesha County Court House.**

Adjourned at 10:26am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary