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SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date June 14, 2017

Members Present: 23

Meeting was called to order by President Mark Pawlak at 9:30 am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2017 were discussed but not approved because of a lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report for May, 2017 was submitted by Pat Conole and approved.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme reported:
 - The number of transactions was the same as last year but the average purchase was less.
 - About 39 flats of plants were donated to Habitat for Humanity. They were very appreciative, especially for the annuals.
 - There were 21 suggestions given for improvements for next year's sale. These will be discussed by the plant sale committee on June 20.
 - Handouts will be given out at the end when buyers turn in their receipt instead of by the talliers.
 - The QR code on the map worked well.
 - The Common name-Botanical name sheet will be posted on the website next year so anyone who needs it can print it before the sale.
 - Silent Auction was a success. There were many more non-plant items that went over well.
 - This year, there were 3 NSF checks. A suggestion was made to write phone numbers on all checks.
 - Patty Witt and her team will be checking gardens later this summer for jumping worms. Ann Wied suggested that all gardens that donate plants should be checked more often because the worms do travel.
- Garden Support – Catherine Price reported:
 - The Public Garden Tour is Sunday, June 25, 2017. The tour gardens are North Point Light House and Maryland Avenue Montessori School.
 - The Polish Community Center will have an Open Garden on July 16, 2017.
 - The committee is visiting 10 gardens this summer. They hope to have this completed by August 1, 2017
 - There is a committee meeting following today's Business Meeting.
- In-House Education – nothing
- Trips and Tours – nothing
- Life Long Gardening – Ann Loper reported:
 - The committee is working on the poster for the National Convention.
 - There will be a member from the LLG committee working at State Fair in August from 1 – 5pm each day.
- Special Events – Faouzi Kablaoui
 - There are still open slots for State Fair Week.
- Clothing – nothing

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- Sunshine –
 - A thank you card from Patty Witt was read.
- Membership – nothing
- WIMGA –
 - The State Conference will be held on October 13-14 in West Bend, Wisconsin.

New Business

Ann Wied:

- SEWMG members have until October to complete the background check information. If they do not complete this, they will be out of the program beginning January, 2018. If you want to do it on paper instead of online, please contact Sharon Morrissey or Betsy Vokac.
- The Waukesha County Fair is July 19-23. A booth will be set up at the 4-H Forum again. It went over well last year.
- MGV are helping out with a youth program in the juvenile system. It was successful last year.
- The Pollinator Group helped mentor a garden at the entrance of the UW-Waukesha entrance.
- The next Level 1 class will begin in September. The class in Waukesha will be held on Wednesday evenings. The day of the afternoon class at Boerner has not been set. Registration information should be out in late July. Information about the class will be given during State Fair.
- Next Gen – counties are being combined, many in groups of four. More information should be coming by the end of the year. Right now, there are more questions than answers.
- The UW-Extension at Watertown Plank Road should be moving by the end of the year. They are still looking at possible sites.

Nancy Lehrer:

- Nancy has been visiting sites for the new location of the UW-Extension Building.
- For SEWMG members that receive the paper copy of the newsletter (about 35), the form for volunteer hours and continuing education will be included in the July-August newsletter.

Correspondence

- Thank you letters were read from UW-Wisconsin for the Master Garden Program Fund; UW-Extension – Milwaukee County for education programs, and Boerner Botanical Gardens for horticulturist education and plant materials.

Announcements

- The MGV Annual Picnic is Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Mitchell Park Pavilion, 19900 River Road, Brookfield, WI. There will be a plant exchange.
- The Gardeners for a Cure team received \$348 in donations at their Pre-Sale Table in May. The group is meeting on June 21, 2017 at the UW-Extension building on Watertown Plank Road at 6:30pm. The 2017 Wauwatosa Relay for Life is July 14, 2017 at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 7/12/17, 6:30 PM at Boerner Botanical Garden**

Adjourned at 10:43 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary