

SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date August 9, 2017

Members Present: 20

Meeting was called to order by President-elect Roger Kocher at 9:38 am.

The meeting began with the presentation of a matching gift from Avnet and MGV Valorie Sangsland.

Prior Meeting Minutes were not approved because of the lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report for July, 2017 was submitted by Pat Conole.

Old Business

There was confusion about the location of the SEWMG monthly meeting. The calendar stated the meeting was at UW-Ext at Watertown Plank Road. The minutes said the meeting was at Boerner Botanical Garden. An email needs to be sent out to all SEWMG reminding members of the time and location of each meeting.

All of the money has been recouped from the bounced checks from the 2017 SEWMG Plant Sale.

Invoices should be submitted for any expenses for approved gardens by September 15, 2017. It is time to begin the budget for 2018.

Committees

- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme reported
 - Larry Paplham, Phil Mainwaring, Mark Pawlak, and Diane Thieme did an inventory of everything in the storage unit for the plant sale. They would like to add shelving for more storage.
 - A complete inventory list has been created.
 - A checklist for pot-a-thons was created.
 - A checklist for State Fair Park was created.
 - A SEWMG Plant Sale Handbook will be created explaining what needs to be done each month and by whom.
 - Patty Witt reported that she and her crew are looking at gardens for plant donations. They are checking for crazy worms at the same time they are looking at possible plant donations. So far, 15 gardens have been checked with 6 more remaining.
 - On Saturday, October 7, 2017 there will be a class on Dividing Perennials at Lyndon Sculpture Garden.
 - There are some changes at the former DNR area, now Exploratory Park. The Aldo Leopold area is a playground with permanent equipment. Some plant layout modifications may need to be done next year.
 - Bill Shaffer reported that the gate code changes every 3 months. The next change will be November 1, 2017.
- In-House Education – nothing
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
 - The trip on August 18 to Root's Chocolates is full.
- Special Events – nothing
- Clothing – nothing
- Sunshine – nothing

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- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
 - Time to pay 2018 dues. An email will be sent out with the dues form.
- Life Long Gardening – Ann Loper reported:
 - There were many good comments on the video that the LLG committee put together and showed at the International Convention.
- Garden Support – Catherine Price and Jennifer Lazewski reported:
 - 10 gardens were visited in June or July.
 - The Garden Support Committee will meet after today's Monthly Meeting. They will discuss the garden reviews and financial issues.

Projects

- Pollinator Group – Jennifer Lazewski reported:
 - 12 people attended the trip to the Arboretum in Madison. The topic was bumblebees.
 - There were two more trips on Saturdays looking for different bumblebees.
 - Monthly meetings will begin in September.
 - The Pollinator Group is working on a plant list for blooms that attract pollinators, including native bumblebees.
- WIMGA –
 - The Wisconsin Master Gardener Conference (WIMGA) will be held Oct 13-14, 2017 in West Bend, Wisconsin.

New Business

- Sharon Morrisey - nothing
- Ann Wied – nothing
- Nancy Lehrer - nothing

Correspondence

Announcements

- The MGV Annual Picnic is Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Mitchell Park Pavilion, 19900 River Road, Brookfield, WI.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is Sept 13, 2017, 9:30 AM at the Waukesha Extension Office (Waukesha County Courthouse)**
- **October 11, 2017, 9:30 AM at UW-Extension Office, Watertown Plank Road.**

Adjourned at 10:23 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary