

SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date August 10, 2016

Members Present: 29

Meeting was called to order by President, Liz Burke at 6:30 pm.

Prior Meeting Minutes were approved from June 8, 2016 and July 13, 2016.

Treasurer's Report for July, 2016 was submitted by Pat Conole.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme reported
 - The Plant Sale Committee is looking at gardens for plant donations. They are checking for crazy worms at the same time they are looking at possible plant donations.
 - The Plant Sale Committee is presenting at the WIMGA convention in September.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - Volunteer opportunity Fair will be Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Boerner Botanical Garden from 9:00 am – 10:30 am. The education component will begin at 11:00 am.
 - The Garden Chair Forum will be on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.
 - The Garden Support Committee met prior to the August Monthly Meeting. Nine gardens were visited in July and August. Ken and Catherine Price will write a report and will send it to the Garden Chairs.
- In-House Education – Catherine Price reported:
 - Melinda Myers will speak on September 10, 2016 at Boerner Botanical Garden from 10:30 am – 12:30 am.
- Trips and Tours – nothing
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - The LLG committee submitted the application for the International Garden Search for Excellence Award in the innovative category. They should know the results in early October.
 - The LLG committee is presenting at the WIMGA convention in September. The topic is how to replicate the LLG program.
 - The Relay for Life Team came in third place out of seventeen teams in the amount of money raised. There were 36 luminary bags with Master Gardener names on them.
- Special Events –
 - Liz Burke reported that the DNR area at State Fair Park looked great during the State Fair.
- Clothing – nothing
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - Judy was having computer problem so some announcements were delayed. Sue Ratkowski lost her mother and Bonnie Papham lost her father in July.
- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
 - 43 members have paid their 2017 dues so far. Please send the membership form and dues to Patty Witt.

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- WIMGA – John Hahn
 - The Wisconsin Master Gardener Conference (WIMGA) will be held September 14 – 17 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

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New Business

- Sharon Morrisey
 - Level I training is set up for fall. The first day of class is September 12 at the UW Extension in Waukesha (Waukesha County Courthouse) from 1:00-4:00 pm and Sept 13 at Boerner Botanical Garden from 5:30-8:30 pm.
 - Timesheets are due on September 15, 2016.
 - The walks on Wednesday evenings at Boerner Botanical Garden count as continuing education hours.
 - The WIMGA conference counts for education hours.

- Ann Wied – nothing

- Nancy Lehrer
 - Fill out the program request form for handouts. Leave the completed form on the workroom table. Put in requests 2 weeks early for any programs not requested by Nancy.

Correspondence

Announcements

- The MGV Annual Picnic is Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Mitchell Park Pavilion, 19900 River Road, Brookfield, WI.
- Nancy Dubyk - the shed at State Fair Park needs some repairs. An evaluation will be done to see what repairs need to be made.
- Budgets and annual reports are due in September.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 9/14/16, 9:30 PM at the UW-Extension Office on Watertown Plank Road.**

Adjourned at 7:42 pm

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Papham, SEWMG secretary