

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date August 12, 2015

Members Present: 25

Meeting was called to order by Liz Burke, President Elect at 9:31am. A check was presented in the amount of \$1400 to SEWMG by Valerie Sangsland on behalf of Avnet Corp which provides corporate volunteer matching funds.

Prior Meeting Minutes for July 2015 were accepted as posted on the web.

Treasurer's Report for July 2015 was accepted as presented by Lindy Pawlak.

Old Business

- Plant Sale
 - Patty Witt reported that there are about 5 digs scheduled for this fall.
 - Judy Schmidt is healing in hostas for next year's sale.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - Their mission statement was finalized at the 6-10 meeting.
 - Next meeting is 9-9 where goals and process for garden approval and continuation will be discussed.
 - Sue Ratkowski provided attendee results of the 8/8 garden tours – Dousman 60, Eble 48, Pewaukee Library 30, New Genesis 35. Thank yous will be in Nov-Dec newsletter.
- In-House Education – no updates
- Trips and Tours – no updates
- State Fair – Sharon Morrisey reported:
 - Discussed state fair results as known so far.
 - Thanked Nancy Dubek, chair person for State Fair garden.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Had been at Rotary Gardens and will be at State Fair.
 - Had more presentations this year than in past years.
 - Mike Maddox is putting a Life Long Gardening video together.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported:
 - Looking into on-line ordering and payment for clothing. Forms would be available for mail orders.
 - Option would include Sept Level 1 class.
 - Plan to try it for a small order to see how it works.
 - The UW Extension logo could be updated.
- Sunshine – no updates
- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
 - Annual dues are due 9/15. She will be sending a reminder email thru listserv.

New Business

- Sharon Morrisey – Consumer Horticulture Agent Milwaukee County reported:
 - Provided update on UW Extension day at State Fair.
 - Level 1 training registration is ongoing.

Announcements

- Annual Picnic 8/20 - Location is Mitchell Park Pavilion in Brookfield.

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- Garden Chairs reimbursement, annual budget requests and annual reports are due 9/15.
- Volunteer Service/ Education hours are due 9/15.
- Kay Costello reported that Relay for Life contribution by Gardeners for a Cure was \$2,208.
- Judy Schmidt reported that the Bonsai group will be at State Fair, Horticulture Building; on Sept 12 there will be class for beginners, Sept 19-& 20 the 45th Annual Bonsai Exhibit will be at Boerner.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 9/09/15, 9:30 at Waukesha County Court House**

Adjourned at 10:45pm

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, for Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary