

## SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date August 13, 2014

**Members Present: 23**

**Meeting was called to order** by President, Diane Thieme at 6:34pm.

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for July 9, 2014 were suspended until the next meeting. Change to the location of the annual dinner meeting is Alioto's on Mayfair Rd, not Bluemound Rd.

**Treasurer's Report** for July 2014 was accepted as presented by Lindy Pawlak. Trailer fix was out of reserve funds and will show in August's report.

### **Old Business**

#### Committees

- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer reported:
  - July's recap meeting had good turnout and sharing of ideas. Recognized need for an active budget process.
  - There will be a new printing program next year, more space in the tool shed as only 5 bales of fafard are left, and we will continue to buy plants from wholesalers.
  - This year's sale had approximately 130 volunteer workers.
  - Next year is 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
  - All scheduled garden tours have been completed and reports will be completed in September.
  - Next meeting is after September's business meeting (9-10).
  - Working on creating a mission statement.
  - Chair person for next year's open house is Sue Ratkowski.
- In-House Education – Diane Thieme reported:
  - September 27, 2014 9:30am to 11:00am (Registration Required)  
Topic - 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 (Registration Required)  
Topic – Taking Herbs to the Next Level, Speaker Marcia Carmichael, Brookfield Library, 1900 West Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI 53005
  - November - TBA
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
  - Jerry Nelson's Tour, Chicago and Green Bay bus trips were full.
  - Looking for ideas for next year, Diane suggested Dale Sievert Garden.
- State Fair – Sharon Morrisey reported:
  - 82,000 visitors.
  - Nancy Dubek is chair person for State Fair gardens and areas.
  - Suggests recap meeting to get input for improvements, ideas and resources for the different gardens and areas.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - No programs are scheduled through the end of the year.
  - Started scheduling for next year.
- Clothing – Diane Thieme reported:
  - Fall orders need to be picked up by the last week of August.
  - Next sale order will be during Level 1 training.

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- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
  - July was a quite month.
  - Suggestion to mail Relay for Life results to our members who are coping with cancer.
- Technology – Ben Rucka reported:
  - Committee is working on a member survey regarding what kind of technology and how to use technology.
- Work Announcement New Email – Diane Thieme reported:
  - New process is going well and feed back has been positive. The document consolidates all garden work hours that will be sent out each Friday. Reminder that Sharon has to release this email for listserv distribution.
- West Allis Project – Diane Thieme reported:
  - Plants have been ordered. City hopes to have pocket butterfly gardens.
- Relay for Life – Kay Costello reported:
  - Members contributed luminaries remembering family and friends with cancer.
  - Event raised \$3,600 and was on the front page of Tosa Now.

### **New Business**

- Sharon Morrisey – Horticulture Agent/Educator-Waukesha reported:
  - Email bounces still occurring, mostly with AT&T and SBC global due to the merger of these companies. There is a company called Constant Contact that helps manage email groups. Perhaps an option to check into. The cost is \$20 a month. Emails with attachments need to be approved by UW Ext personnel before they can be released through the listserv.
  - Level 1 training still has some openings. Fee for training is now \$199.
  - Sept 15 is deadline for hours and Mandatory Reporting.
  - DOT update is that Watertown Plank Rd will be open in early fall with more to be completed by late fall.
  - The office will have a replacement for Kathy Reese's which will be 5 hours a week.
  - There are pop up tents in Eble Park garage. Diane and Kay will check into it.
- Calendar Updates
  - Bill Shaffer commented that there are listings under events on the webpage that are not on the monthly calendar. Group discussed benefit of being able to see all events on the calendar. Diane will check with Judy Williamson to see if she is able to update calendar.

### **Announcements**

- Annual Picnic 8/21 - Location is Mitchell Park Pavilion in Brookfield.
- Budget requests and annual reports are due 9/15.
- Annual Holiday Party/Meeting is 12/10 at Alioto's on N. Mayfair Rd.

### **Reminders:**

- **Next Meeting is 9/10/14, 9:30 at Waukesha Court House.**

**Adjourned** at 8:12pm

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary