

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date September 10, 2014

Members Present: 28

Meeting was called to order by President, Diane Thieme at 9:31am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for July 9 and August 13, 2014 were accepted with modifications to July and as posted on the web site for August.

Treasurer's Report for August 2014 was accepted.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – committee members reported:
 - Patty informed us that the fall digs have begun with 9 yards scheduled so far.
 - Diane solicited focus plant ideas. At least 7 ideas were discussed.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - There is a meeting after today's business meeting where they will discuss the results of the garden tours.
 - Also planning for next year's opportunity fair scheduled for 1-17-15, 9:30-11:00am, with an education speaker after.
- In-House Education – Judy Williamson reported:
 - Roof Top Basics registration has been sent and is open for 150 attendees.
 - October 21, 2014 6:30pm to 8:00pm (Registration Required, 120 seats)
Topic – Taking Herbs to the Next Level, Speaker Marcia Carmichael, Brookfield Library, 1900 West Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI 53005
 - November 15 2014, 10:00 – 11:30am (Registration Required, 120 seats)
Topic – Local Community Grown Food, Alex Tyink, Program Leader at Goodwill NCW Boerner in the Multi Media Room, Lower Level.
- Trips and Tours – no updates
- Special Events
 - Fall Festival planning is in the works, look for updates.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - Started scheduling for next year.
 - Possible usable tent at Eble that has broken supports may be repairable and could be used by Life Long Gardening and Plant Sale.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported:
 - Fall orders are ready to be picked up and emails have been sent to purchasers.
 - Discussion of possible car decal. Liz Burke will check into.
- Sunshine – Diane Thieme reported:
 - Ruth Marshall is recovering from surgery.
- WIGMA – John Hahn reported:
 - Business Meeting is 9/11.
 - Annual meeting is in October in Hanock.
 - Working on state wide survey with representatives.
- Technology – Ben Rucka reported:
 - Member survey results are being compiled.
 - Discussion on improvements for next year.

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- Outreach – Ann Wied:
 - Waukesha had one meeting scheduled with 15 people attending.
 - Milwaukee's Level One training has a more diverse group.
- Picnic – Diane Thieme reported:
 - Thanks to Mary and Fred Redlinger for their work and Jeff Trader for opening his garden.
 - Had 71 attendees with prizes, plant exchange, games and music.
 - Next year will be at same location, Mitchell Park in Brookfield and is scheduled for August 20th.

New Business

- Nancy Lehrer – Volunteer Coordinator reported:
 - Mandatory Reporting training next week, 9/23, 2:30-4pm.
 - Looking for floor standing signs for Art in Bloom and farmers markets. Diane will check into signage.
- Ann Wied - Horticulture Agent/Educator-Waukesha reported:
 - Hand outs of the Waukesha County Environmental Education Activity Guide.
 - Partnership with Waukesha Memorial Hospital is going well. Have presentations scheduled for 9/16 and 10/31, 11:30-12:30 by MGV on gardening topics.
 - Organization and Plant Sale information will be allowed to be presented at Level 1 Training. Ann will send available dates to Diane.
- Leadership
 - Patty informed us that there will be an article in the news letter. They have candidates for open 2015 positions.
- Thank you received from Friends of Boerner for 2014 grant which will be used for the new Children's Garden.

Announcements

- Annual Dues are due 11/1.
- Budget Requests and Annual Reports due 9/15.
- Janet Wintersberger will be putting pictures of MGV at work in the news letter.
- Annual Holiday Party/Meeting is 12/10 at Alioto's on Burleigh Rd.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 10/08/14, 9:30 at Boerner.**

Adjourned at 10:56pm

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary