

SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date September 13, 2017

Members Present: 24

Meeting was called to order by President, Mark PawlaK at 9:32 am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2017 were NOT accepted because of a lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report for August, 2017 was submitted by Pat Conole and approved.

Old Business

Committees

- Insurance – Diane Thieme
 - The committee is working on having insurance on all officers, the storage units, and all inventory, not matter where it is stored.
- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme and Patty Witt
 - Patty reported that she is touring gardens and checking for jumping worms along with several other members of the dig team. So far, 38 gardens have passed inspection, 5 gardens have jumping worms.
 - The dig team will begin healing in plants at Eble Park in October.
- Garden Support – Catherine Price and Jennifer Lazewski reported:
 - The committee will meet today, following the Monthly Meeting.
 - The Volunteer Opportunity Fair is Saturday, January 20, 2018. It will begin at 9:30am.
 - The committee is working on finalizing Garden Review recommendations.
- In-House Education – Judy Williamson reported:
 - The next program is on Monday, October 9, 2017 on The Victory Garden Initiative and its History by Gretchen Mead at San Camillo, 10101 W Bluemound Road, Wauwatosa, WI from 10:30 – noon.
 - Phenology, Indicator Plants and Degree Days by Lisa Johnson is on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at New Berlin Community Center, 14750 Cleveland Avenue, New Berlin, WI from 10:30 – noon.
- Trips and Tours – nothing
 - Doris Fons assistant will be moving to Texas so Lindy Pawlak will help Doris arranging trips.
- Life Long Gardening – nothing
- Special Events – nothing
- Clothing – nothing
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - MGV Riana Sweet passed away. A memorial will be sent in her name.
- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
 - About 216 out of 711 Master Gardeners have paid their 2018 dues so far. The dues are due on November 1, 2017. Members must pay their dues in order to attend the Holiday Party in December.

Projects

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Pollinator Group – Jennifer Lazewski reported:

- The group will meet September 28, 2017 to talk about their summer walks and discuss climate change with pollinators.

WIMGA – John Hahn reported

- WIMGA has about 3500 members.
- They are working on a long range plan and developing the new website.
- The WIMGA convention is October 13-14 in West Bend.

New Business

- Ann Wied reported:
 - The issue on background checks is still being worked on. Members are advised to send in their 2018 dues and their 2017 Timesheets and continue as members until logistics are worked out.
 - There are 75 people enrolled in the Level One class at Boerner and 50 people enrolled in the Waukesha class.
 - The new Volunteer Opportunity Directory is almost finished. It will be given to each person taking the Level One class.
 - Next GEN is still a work in progress. Ann's workload has changed from 60% Horticulture, 40% Community Development to 50% Horticulture, 50% Community Development.
 - A new Waukesha County Environmental Education Activity Guide is available. A new issue is available every six months.

Correspondence

Announcements

- Newsletter deadline is October 1, 2017
- On October 7, 2017, there is be a class on "Digging and Dividing Perennials" at the Lyndon Sculpture Garden from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Register through Lyndon Sculpture Garden. The class is limited to 20 people.
- The Holiday Party/Volunteer Celebration will be held on December 6, 2017 at Aliota's. Detailed information will in the November/December newsletter.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 10/11/17, 9:30 AM at UW-Extension on Watertown Plank Road.**

Life Long Gardening Trip

There was a discussion about the final cost of sending 3 MGVs to the International Convention in Portland, Oregon. The cost exceeded the amount that was budgeted last November. Some board members thought the amount set was an approximate amount, not the final amount. In the future, better research needs to be done on the cost of hotel rooms and airfare so that a more accurate number is budged.

Adjourned at 10:45 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Papham, SEWMG secretary