

SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date September 14, 2016

Members Present: 29

Meeting was called to order by President, Liz Burke at 9:30 am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2016 were accepted as posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report for August, 2015 was submitted by Pat Conole and approved.

Old Business

Committees

- Picnic update – Pat Adrian
 - Pat thanked several SEWMG members for their help with the picnic. About 100 people attended which was the highest number for any picnic.
 - Several suggestions were given for next year about the food and drink.
 - A motion was made and approved to have the picnic at the same venue next year. The first choice for dates is August 18th or 25th. The second choice August 17th or 24th. Reservations cannot be made until after January 1, 2016.
- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme and Patty Witt
 - Diane reported that Patty is touring gardens and checking for jumping worms. There are many gardens that need to be dug out this fall.
 - The dig team met at Linda Ziebell's home to look at jumping worms.
 - Diane submitted the budget for the plant sale for 2017.
 - The Plant Sale Committee is looking for pot-a-thon sites for spring of 2017.
 - Four Plant Sale Committee members will be presenting "How to Grow the Money" at a breakout session during the WIMGA convention in September.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - Ken reported that he and Catherine Price submitted a report to the finance committee on the 9 gardens that they toured this past summer.
 - The next meeting is on October 12, 2016 following the monthly meeting.
- In-House Education
 - The next program is on October 4, 2016 on Pollinators by Jennifer Lazewski at the Brookfield Public Library from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
- Trips and Tours – nothing
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - The committee is presenting at the WIMGA convention in September.
 - There is a Lifelong Gardening dropdown menu on the SEWMG website.
 - The committee plans on spending more money on displays and less money on new tools in the future.
- Special Events – Faouzi Kablaoui
 - Faouzi sent out a report about State Fair to all members on the listserv. The area looked very nice and was well organized.
 - Mark Pawlak and Nancy Dubyk are evaluating what repairs are needed on the shed in the DNR area.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported

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- Peg reported that ordering will begin by the end of the month for Master Gardening clothing.
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - Judy reported that her computer is working again. Two Master Gardeners will have surgery later this fall. Look for email notifications.
- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
 - About 218 out of 677 Master Gardeners have paid their 2017 dues so far. The dues are due on November 1, 2016. Members must pay their dues in order to attend the Holiday Party in December.

WIMGA – John Hahn reported

- Eight SEWMG members will be presenting at the WIMGA convention later this month in Wisconsin Dells.

New Business

- Sharon Morrissey reported:
 - Sharon passed out a handout on fall 'Swarmer's'.
 - She introduced Susan Taylor who is the new Diagnostic Service Coordinator at the UW-Extension in Milwaukee County.
 - A group of Master Gardeners came in for 2 days in August to work at the UW-Extension – Milwaukee building. They put all the binders together for the new fall class in one morning. The remainder of the time, they organized all of the displays and made a list of all of the displays.
 - China Lights is at the Boerner Botanical Gardens during the month of October. It is open Tuesday – Sunday each week.
 - The new Level One Class has about 125 students.
 - Timesheets were due on September 15, 2016. Several minor changes were made on the timesheets that are due on September 15, 2017.
 - On October 1, a workshop will be held at Lynden Sculpture Garden on "Digging and Dividing Plants" from 10:00 AM – 1:00 pm.
 - On October 26, 2016 a movie called 'Can You Dig This' will be shown at UWM at 7:00 pm. The purpose is to watch it and discuss community gardening.
 - On November 15, 2016 there will be a program called "So You want to be a Beekeeper".
 - There have been rumors about whether or not the UW-Extension on Watertown Plank Road is moving next year. This is part of the next budget which has not been finalized yet. More information will come when the 2017 budget is finalized.
- Ann Wied – nothing
- Nancy Lehrer reported:
 - 20 Master Gardener Volunteers helped on Tuesday and 16 on Wednesday to assemble the binders for the new class and organize the displays.

Correspondence

Announcements

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- Several items were left at the picnic and can be found in the lost and found at the UW-Extension on Watertown Plank Road.
- The updated inventory list is posted on the SEWVG website.
- Budgets are due. Budget meetings will be held in October.
- The Holiday Party/Volunteer Celebration will be held on December 7, 2016 at Aliota's, More information will in October.

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 10/12/16, 9:30 AM at BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDEN.**

Adjourned at 10:18 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWVG secretary