

## SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date October 8, 2014

**Members Present: 25**

**Meeting was called to order** by President, Diane Thieme at 9:34am.

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for September 10, 2014 were accepted as posted on the web site.

**Treasurer's Report** for September 2014 was accepted as presented.

### **Old Business**

#### Committees

- Plant Sale – committee members reported:
  - Patty informed us that the fall digs are progressing with 6 more gardens scheduled. There will be enough plants healed in at Eble to have multiple pot-a-thons next spring.
  - Bill said the trailer has been fixed; it doesn't leak and now has a spare tire. And he will be meeting with the state fair contact in November.
  - Diane needs bookmarks printed for Level 1 training classes and will have the SEWMG logo displayed on them.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
  - Last meeting was after the September business meeting where they began discussing the results of the approved garden tours. This discussion will continue at the next GSC meeting.
  - Currently planning for next year's opportunity fair scheduled for 1-17-15, 9:30-11:00am, with an education speaker after. And the garden chair forum scheduled for Thursday 3-19-15.
  - Sue Ratkowski and Liz Burke are planning 2015 public garden tour scheduled for 8-8 from 10am – 3pm. Tour includes Pewaukee Library, Wilson Center, Historic Dousman and Eble gardens.
  - Next meeting after Nov business meeting.
- In-House Education:
  - October 21, 2014 6:30pm to 8:00pm (Registration full)  
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, 180 seats)  
Topic – Local Community Grown Food, Alex Tyink, Program Leader at Goodwill NCW Boerner, Hales Corners
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
  - March 21, 2015 – Chicago Flower Show Bus Trip
  - May 27, 2015 – Jerry Nelson Tour
  - July 17, 2015 – Greg Bergman Garden, Lake Forest II Bus Trip
- Special Events
  - Nancy Lehrer reported that the Fall Festival booth location was poor resulting in poor turn out. She won't be requesting funding for next year's event.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - Solicited ideas for donating/using rolling garden seat. Ideas include donating it to an approved garden, plant sale silent auction or MG who could use it.
- Clothing – no updates
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
  - There are 5 members fighting cancer.
  - Let Judy know if you here of others who are ill so she can send a card.

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- WIGMA – Diane Thieme reviewed:
  - Matching donation during WPR's Larry Mueller's show on Friday 10/10 and Sat 10/11.
- Technology:
  - Diane Thieme summarized survey's results for classes.
  - Nancy Lehrer has the Level 1 class members added to the list serv. This is causing bounces to occur again. Let Nancy know if you are having problems.
- Class Visit – Diane Thieme reported:
  - Officer positions and committees will be presented on 10-23 and 11-3 by Linda, Pat and Diane.
  - Plant Sale will be presented on 11-13 and 11-17 by Diane.

### **New Business**

- Nancy Lehrer – Volunteer Coordinator reported:
  - 3 upcoming events scheduled.
- Finance Committee – Pat Adrian reported:
  - Budget has been reviewed by committee. It now goes to the board. There is a general meeting scheduled for 11/1, time and location TBD.
- Inventory Completion – Diane Thieme will complete inventory soon. Contact her if you have purchased or retired anything that should be on the inventory or removed.
- Thank you received for SEWMG Scholarships from Diane Linn and Joshua Capadarco; SEWMG UW CALS Scholarships from Tyler Ziegert and Dave Schreiner; and SEWMG donations to Ten Chimneys and Milwaukee County Parks – Boerner.

### **Announcements**

- Annual Dues are due 11/1, hours and mandatory training were due on 9-15.
- Annual Holiday Party/Meeting is 12/10 at Alioto's on Burleigh Rd. Decorating committee is looking for cone flower seed heads with 3" stems. Contact Diane or Linda if you have some to contribute.
- Annual Picnic date is scheduled for 8-20, but is dependant on reservation when made in 2015.

### **Reminders:**

- **Next Meeting is 11/12/14, 9:30 at Boerner.**

**Adjourned** at 10:33am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary