

## SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date October 11, 2017

**Members Present: 30**

**Meeting was called to order** by President, Mark Pawlak at 9:30 am.

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for September 13, 2017, August 9, 2017, July 12, 2017, and June 14, 2017 were accepted as posted on the website.

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

### **Old Business**

#### **Committees**

- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme and Patty Witt reported:
  - Diane reported that the dig team is waiting to start digging plants and are healing them in at Eble Park. Plants from 34 gardens need to be healed in this fall.
  - Patty reported that there will be 9 pot-a-thons at homes next spring and 2-3 pot-a-thons at Eble. There are 5 gardens on the list to be checked next year for the 2019 sale. If gardens get new mulch or new plants, they need to be checked every year.
  - Bill Shaffer will meet with State Fair Park in the near future to discuss other locations on State Fair Park grounds to hold the sale since there are jumping worms in the Butterfly Garden in the DNR area.
- Garden Support – Catherine Price and Jennifer Lazewski reported:
  - The committee will meet today after the October Monthly Meeting to begin planning the volunteer Opportunity Fair on Jan 20, 2018 at Boerner Botanical Garden. The Volunteer Opportunity Fair will begin at 9:00 am and end at 10:30 am. The speaker, Mark Dwyer, will begin at 11:00 am.
  - The committee is looking for some new members.
- In-House Education – Judy Williamson reported:
  - The program on October 9 at San Camillo, 10101 W Bluemound Road, Wauwatosa, WI, had good news and bad news. This was the first time at this location and the good news is that the location was great and can hold a large number of people. The bad news was the speaker had the wrong time and didn't make it to speak.
  - The next program is "Phenology, Indicator Plants and Degree Days" by Lisa Johnson on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at New Berlin Community Center, 14750 Cleveland Avenue, New Berlin, WI from 10:30 – noon.
  - Jan 20, 2018 is the Volunteer Opportunity Fair at Boerner Botanical Garden. The speaker will be Mark Dwyer.
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
  - Cindy Lese is moving to Texas. Lindy Pawlak will take her place helping with registration. Sharon Roy will still collect the money.
- Special Events – Faouzi Kablaoui reported:
  - The number of visitors during State Fair was up this year.
- Clothing –
  - Sharon Morrissey reported that there will be one clothing sale this year in winter.
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:

## SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

- Gertrude Zoeller's husband passed away.
- MGV Sue Jeffery passed away on October 5, 2017. Memorials can be made to SEWMG or Hunger Task Force.
- Cheryl Rasmann and Fran Luebke have some serious health issues. Cards would be appreciated.
- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
  - 407 Master Gardeners have paid their 2018 dues so far. The dues are due on November 1, 2018. Members must pay their dues in order to attend the Holiday Party in December.

### Projects

- Life Long Gardening –
  - The Life Long Gardening Committee (LLG) will be presenting at session at the WIMGA State Convention in October on how to apply for the Award of Excellence.
- Pollinator Group – Jennifer Lazewski reported:
  - There is no meeting in October. The committee is looking for a location for the November meeting.
  - The committee is planning more projects starting in January.
- Invasive Species – Janet Wintersberger reported:
  - The group is working at Dousman Stagecoach Inn.
- WIMGA – nothing

### **New Business**

- Sharon Morrissey reported:
  - Sharon thanked everyone for getting their time sheets turned in on time.
  - The link for completing background checks will be coming up soon. The link is only available for 5 days. All MGV must complete the background check. If you do not complete it, you will only be a certified MGV until the end of 2017. Several other states were contacted about whether or not they require social security numbers for the MGV background check and the answer was yes from all of them.
  - The Time Sheet form for 2018 will have several revisions. The Continuing Education form will be included with the Time Sheet form. For MGV that do not have Excel, the new form will be fillable, so everyone can complete it on the computer and print it.
  - The Volunteer Opportunity Directory is almost complete. It will be handed out to the Level One class and will be available on the website for everyone else.
  - The level 1 classes are going well. One of the changes this year is that students watch videos of some classes on their own time and do group activities during class time.
  - The Fox 6 Garden ends Monday, October 16, 2017.
  - It is budget time for Milwaukee County. Milwaukee County began by wanting to eliminate all nonessential items including UW-Extension. Please contact your county supervisor to keep UW-Extension fully funded.
  - UW-Extension is moving. The new address is 6737 W Washington St., West Allis, WI. They will be located on the second floor. Parking will be available across the street. You must get a token to get out of the parking lot. The move will be completed by January 2, 2018. The building will be open from 5:00 am to 7:00 pm. Sharon will check to see if it is open on Saturdays.
- Susan Taylor reported:

## SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

- From May – September, the Plant Health Advisors had 421 contacts at Boerner Botanical Garden, 374 contacts at UW-Extension on Watertown Plank Road, and 18 others. The hot topic for 2017 was questions on trees.

### **Correspondence**

### **Announcements**

- Committee Chairs – please complete the forms handed out by Diane Thieme and return them to her.
- The Leadership Committee is still looking for someone to fulfill the Secretary's position. The secretary types the minutes each month after the monthly meeting which takes 1-2 hours and attends the Monthly Meetings to take the minutes. This time counts towards your volunteer hours.
- Annual Holiday Party/Master Gardener Graduation is December 6, 2017 at Alioto's on Mayfair Road – 6 PM Cash Bar, 7 PM Dinner. The cost is \$10 per person. There is a limit of 250 people. The signup forms will be in the November-December newsletter.
- 

### **Reminders:**

- November meeting has been cancelled. The Final Budget Meeting is on November 11, 2017 at 9:30 at UW-Extension on Watertown Plank Road in Room 111.

### **Adjourned** at 10:33 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary