

SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date October 12, 2016

Members Present: 25

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

Prior Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2016 were accepted as posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report for September, 2016 was submitted by Pat Conole and approved.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme and Patty Witt reported:
 - Diane reported that Patty Witt, Sue Ratkowski, Bonnie Paplham and herself did a presentation at the WIMGA conference in September on how SEWMG does its plant sale.
 - The dig team started digging plants and are healing them in at Eble Park. The team is also checking for jumping worms.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - The committee will begin planning the volunteer Opportunity Fair on Jan 21, 2017 at Boerner Botanical Garden. The Volunteer Opportunity Fair will begin at 9:00 am and end at 10:30 am. The speaker, Mike Maddox, will begin at 11:00 am.
 - The Garden Support Committee will meet after the October Business Meeting.
- In-House Education – Judy Williamson reported:
 - The final program for 2016 is on November 2 at the Petit Center. The speaker is "Dr. Death."
- Trips and Tours – nothing
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - The Life Long Gardening Committee (LLG) won the International Garden Search for Excellence in the innovative category. One member must go to Portland, Oregon to receive the award.
 - Two members of the LLG committee will attend the conference in Portland, Oregon in July. The committee will decide who will go. The money to pay for the two members will come from the 2017 budget.
 - The committee presented a session at the WIMGA conference in September on how to replicate their program.
- Special Events – Sharon Morrissey reported:
 - A new display needs to be done for the Home Show in March at State Fair Park. The topic is "Pruning". If you have any ideas, please share them with Sharon.
 - Start thinking about State Fair for next year.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin and Betty Frangesch reported:
 - There were 64 orders for clothing this fall. Peg & Betty will order 500 patches that can be purchased and sewn on clothing.
- Sunshine – nothing

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- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
 - 348 Master Gardeners have paid their 2017 dues so far. 307 members still owe their dues. The dues are due on November 1, 2017. Members must pay their dues in order to attend the Holiday Party in December.
 - The Holiday/Graduating Master Gardeners Party will be held on Dec 7, 2017 at Alioto's on Mayfair Road. Dues must be paid and hours must be turned in in order to attend. The capacity is 250 people.
- WIMGA – John Hahn reported
 - WIMGA is still working on changes. It is a slow process.
 - WIMGA needs its own website. It can no longer be part of the state website.
 - The board is meeting On October 15, 2017 in Hancock, Michigan.

New Business

- Ann Wied and Sharon Morrissey reported:
 - Ann handed out a fact sheet on jumping worms.
 - Ann and Sharon are working with a group of 5-6 SEWMG members to develop and Volunteer Opportunity Directory. It will list all of the volunteer opportunity choices.
 - The budget for UW-Extension in Waukesha was cut by \$5000. There was a budget hearing on October 31, 2016 for Milwaukee County.
 - Level I classes are going very well.
 - The Time Sheet form for 2017 will have several revisions. The Continuing Education form will be separate from the Time Sheet form. A category will be added under educational projects called Garden Mentors. The new forms should be ready by the end of October.
 - A class called "Do you want to become a Beekeeper" will be given on November 15, 2016. The cost is \$20.
- Nancy Lehrer reported
 - The three volunteer requests have been filled.

Correspondence

Announcements

- Annual Holiday Party December 7, 2016 at Alioto's on Mayfair Road – 6 PM Cash Bar, 7 PM Dinner

Reminders:

- **November meeting has been cancelled. The Final budget meeting is on November 19, 2016.**

Adjourned at 10:43 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary