

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date October 14, 2015

Members Present: 28

Meeting was called to order by President, Pat Adrian at 9:38 am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2015 were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report for September, 2015 was submitted by Lindy Pawlak and approved.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Diane Thieme and Patty Witt
 - Patty reported that the digging crew will continue through October 27.
 - Diane reported that the plant sale committee is still looking for pot-a-thon locations for 2016.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - The committee discussed the public open gardens that took place in August.
 - The committee is discussing garden visits for next year.
 - The committee will begin planning the volunteer Opportunity Fair on Jan 23, 2016 at Boerner Botanical Garden.
 - The Garden Chair Forum is Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at Boerner Botanical Garden.
 - The Garden Support Committee will meet after the October Business Meeting and on November 11 at Boerner Botanical Garden.
- In-House Education – nothing
- Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
 - Doris is working on dates for 2016. She is looking at June 1, 2016 for visiting Jerry Nelson.
 - Summer trip to Olbrich Gardens and West Madison Research Station on July 15 or July 22.
 - The Chicago Flower Show is Friday, March 18, 2016.
- Life Long Gardening – Judy Savage reported:
 - About 60 people attended Senior Day at Boerner Botanical Gardens in early October. The committee displayed their tools and the seniors could try them.
 - The committee will present their tools to anyone interested at the storage facility on October 17, 2015.
- Special Events – nothing
- Clothing – Peg Schellin reported
 - The website is up and running and doing well. There were 55 orders to date. The ordering deadline is October 18, 2015.
- Sunshine – Judy Savage reported:
 - A memorial was sent to the State Master Gardener Program Fund in memory of Sonia Harsch.

- Membership – Patty Witt reported:

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- Over 300 Master Gardeners have paid their 2016 dues so far. The dues are due on November 1, 2015. Members must pay their dues in order to attend the Christmas Party in December.
- WIMGA – John Hahn reported
 - The board members are having a face-to-face meeting on October 17, 2015 in Hancock, Michigan. They are reviewing the vision statement.
 - They are looking for a site for the 2017 State Conference.
- President Pat Adrian suggested renaming the Business meeting. Suggestions given were:
 1. Monthly Garden Gleaning
 2. Monthly Gardeners Gathering
 3. SEWMG Membership Meeting
 4. SEWMG All Membership Meeting
 5. SEWMG Monthly Members Meeting
 6. SEWMG Monthly Membership Status Meeting
 7. SEWMG Monthly Meeting

The first vote narrowed the choices to #3 or #7. The second vote was for #7, SEWMG Monthly Meeting.

New Business

- Ann Wied - nothing
- Nancy Lehrer – Sharon Morrisey reported:
 - There are two new volunteer opportunities available. There are three opportunities already set up for spring.
 - The 2014 Level 1 students are graduating in February. About 20% did not complete the certification. This is about the same number each year.
 - Sharon Morrisey and Diane Thieme are working on a retention survey. They want to know why students don't complete the class.
- Sharon Morrisey reported:
 - There are 106 Level 1 students this year.
 - Volunteers are working on compiling hours.
 - Betsy Vocek is working on timesheets and giving the information to Susan Mahr for her annual report.
 - The Hort Center closed September 30, 2015 and will reopen May 1, 2016. The Plant Health Advisors were located in the main lobby instead of the lower level.
 - The parking lot at the UW-Extension Building on Watertown Plank Road is completed.
 - A swipe card is needed for access to the UW-Extension Building on Watertown Plank Road after hours. You need to make arrangements for evening access (after 5:00 pm).
 - Fox 6 Garden has two more workdays. Sharon will continue to appear on TV once a month. She talked to the people at Fox 6 about the SEWMG Plant Sale for 2016.
 - Sharon is looking for suggestions for Level 2 training. Some possible topics are
 - New Invasives (plants or insects)
 - Different methods of Propagation (seeds, grafting, tissue culture, plant breeding, hybridizing)
 - New Introductions (which are good or bad)
 - The correct plant for the correct place
- Communications Protocol – Pat Adrian reported:

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- Listserv – think about the audience
 - Good title (plant ID, location, garden)
 - Helpful to identify the group that the email is directed to
 - Contact Betsy Vokac at UW-Extension when you email address changes
 - Keep the email simple (never use red ink or all capital letters)
- Diane Thieme updated the inventory list. Let Diane know if there are any additions or deletions as soon as possible.
- Officer candidates – all positions are filled

Correspondence

Announcements

- Doris Fons announced that the Mitchell Park Domes are looking for volunteers for the phrenology department.
- Annual Holiday Party December 2, 2015 at Alioto's on Mayfair Road – 6 PM Cash Bar, 7 PM Dinner

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 11/11/15, 9:30 AM at BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDEN. Meeting may be cancelled if there is no new business.**

Adjourned at 11:08 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary