

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
Date December 7, 2016
Members Present: approximately 238

Meeting was called to order by President, Liz Burke at 7:50 pm

Organization Status Report for 2016 was presented by Secretary, Bonnie Paplham

		2015	2016
1	Number of general meetings Business Budget Annual Total	10 2 1 13	10 2 1 13
2	Membership status (as of 12/5) Number paid dues Members without paid dues Number of new gardeners (in training) Active Members for 2017	510 165 106	507 (-3) 148 (-+17) 125 (+19) 632
3	Number of gardens supported (from budget report – 2015, 2016) Includes youth gardens	41	41
4	Number of educational meetings Programs by committee	7	7
5	Number of field trips	3	3
6	Total continuing education hours	7,919.5	10,602 (+2682.5)
7	Total volunteer hours (As of 11/30)	29,191	32,151.5 (+2,960.5) Youth education – 4631.5 Community education – 17,790 Support – 9730
8	State Fair Attendance Plant Sale Customers	62,000 1061	47,448 1013 transactions

Financial Status Report was given by Treasurer, Pat Conole.

Presentation of 2017 Budget by Sandy Manning, Board Chair, and accepted by members.

Sharon Morrisey recognized Liz Burke for her year as President.

Leadership Committee Chairperson: Pat Adrian

- The 2017 slate of officers are:
President: Mark Pawlak
President Elect – Roger Kocher
Secretary – Bonnie Paplham
Treasurer – Pat Conole
Board Chairperson (3rd year) – Mary Korntved
2nd Year Board – Tom Paasch
1st Year Board – Jennifer Lazewski
Director at Large – Patty Witt
Director at Large – Bill Shaffer

The slate of officers was presented to the membership by Pat Adrian and accepted.

Liz Burke recognized the Life Long Learning Committee for winning the International Garden Search for Excellence Award in the innovative category.

Raffle and door prizes were presented by Liz Burke

- Table decorations were given to 1 person at each table.
- 4 names were drawn for four raffle prizes.

Sharon Morrisey began the recognition part of the evening

- Sharon announced that 81 Level I Master Gardeners graduated out of 106 that took the class.
- Sharon recognized the staff: Nancy Lehrer, Betsy Vokac, and Susan Taylor.
- The three SEWMG volunteers with the highest number hours in 2016 were Sandy Je T'aime, Ann Phillips and Diane Thieme.
- Members that earn 150, 250, 500, or 750 cumulative hours will now receive certificates instead of cards. Nine members reached 1000 hours and received a framed certificate. Three members (Kay Costello, Ed Kraus, and Dan Cummings) reached 2500 hours and received a trophy. Ruth Marshall reached the 5000 hours level and received a plaque.
- Miss Piggy, the official "SEWMG Glutton-for-punishment" has retired

Ann Wied announced:

- Ann stated that 41 graduates were present this evening. All graduates received their badges with a green ribbon and a patch.
- Ann gave recognition to all the 2016 board members and officers. Each person was given a SEWMG clipboard.
- Ann recognized each of the standing committee Chairs and Co-chairs. Each was given a SEWMG clipboard.

Gavel was presented to Mark Pawlak by Liz Burke.

Adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary