

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date September 9, 2015

Members Present: 28

Meeting was called to order by President, Pat Adrian at 9:32 am.

Prior Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2015 were accepted as posted on the website.

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

Old Business

Committees

- Picnic update – Pat Adrian
 - Pat thanked several SEWMG members for their help with the picnic. About 100 people attended which was the highest number for any picnic.
 - Several suggestions were given for next year about the food and drink.
 - A motion was made and approved to have the picnic at the same venue next year. The first choice for dates is August 18th or 25th. The second choice August 17th or 24th. Reservations cannot be made until after January 1, 2016.
- Plant Sale – Bill Shaffer, Diane Thieme, , Patty Witt
 - Patty reported that the digging crew has started healing in plants at Eble Park. There are many gardens that need to be dug out this fall.
 - Diane submitted the budget for the plant sale for 2016.
- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
 - Patty Witt will no longer co-chair the Garden Support Committee. Catherine Price will be the new co-chair for the committee.
 - The committee met on June 10. The next meeting is today following the business meeting. The committee will begin planning the volunteer Opportunity Fair on Jan 23, 2016 at Boerner Botanical Garden.
- In-House Education – Judy Williamson reported:
 - Program on September 10, 2015 at Boerner Botanical Garden is Fall Gardening – Preparing for Winter and Improvements for Next Year's Garden.
 - Program for October 22, 2015 at Sunset Playhouse in Elm Grove is Plight of the Monarchs.
 - Program for November 14, 2015 is Caring for Houseplants at Shady Lane Greenhouses in Menomonee Falls.
- Trips and Tours – nothing
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
 - The committee has 1 more display on November 15, 2015.
- Special Events – Faouzi Kablaoui
 - Faouzi sent out a report about State Fair to all members on the listserv. About 62,000 people visited the area during State Fair. Visitors loved the butterfly garden. Children loved the caterpillars.
- Clothing – Peg Schellin and Bette Frangesch reported
 - Peg reported that she and Bette are working on an online ordering form. Master Gaardeners can order online and pay using their credit card. The site should be ready by the September 30. Master Gardeners will have 3 weeks to order clothing. The orders should be ready 2 weeks after the deadline.

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- Sunshine – nothing
- Membership – Patty Witt reported:
 - About 100 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.
- Finance Committee – Joy Towell reported:
 - Budget requests for 2016 are due September 15, 2015. Budget reimbursements for 2015 should be turned in as soon as possible.
- Project Outreach – not active
- WIMGA – John Hahn reported
 - The Upper Midwest Conference and Wisconsin State Conference will be held September 22, 2016 in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin at the Chula Vista Resort.

New Business

- Ann Wied reported:
 - The new Level One Class has about 115 students.
 - Some Master Gardeners do not realize that the monthly meetings are for everyone. All members are invited to attend.
- Sharon Morrisey - nothing

Correspondence

Announcements

- We want to create a handbook for new members. What kind of information do we need to give to new members. Email ideas to Diane Thieme at dianet1@execpc.com

Reminders:

- **Next Meeting is 10/14/15, 9:30 AM at BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDEN.**

Adjourned at 11:03 am

- Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary