

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
Date December 6, 2017
Members Present: approximately 248

Meeting was called to order by President, Mark Pawlak at 7:50 pm

Organization Status Report for 2017 was presented by Secretary, Bonnie Paplham

		2016	2017
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	507 148 125	524 (+17) 134 (-14) 125 783
3	Number of gardens supported (from budget report – 2016, 2017) 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	10,602	12,264 (+1662)
7	Total volunteer hours (As of 11/30)	32,151.5	34,647.5 (+2,496) Youth education – 4676.5 Community education – 19,536 Support – 10,335
8	State Fair Attendance Plant Sale Customers	47,448 1013	50,748 1013 transactions

Financial Status Report was not given (Treasurer, Pat Conole was absent)

Presentation of 2017 Budget by Mary Korntved, Board Chair, and accepted by members.

Leadership Committee Chairperson: Liz Burke

- The 2018 slate of officers are:
President: Roger Kocher
President Elect – Jennifer Lazewski
Secretary – Bernita Hile
Treasurer – Pat Conole
Board Chairperson (3rd year) – Tom Paasch
2nd Year Board – Janet Wintersberger
1st Year Board –Maureen Hill
Director at Large – Susan McDonnell
Director at Large – Ann Loper

The slate of officers was presented to the membership by Liz Burke and accepted.

Raffle and door prizes were presented by Mark Pawlak

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

Sharon Morrisey began the recognition part of the evening

- Sharon recognized the staff: Nancy Lehrer, Betsy Vokac, and Susan Taylor.
- Eight members reached 1000 hours and received a framed certificate. Three members (Susan McGrath, Diane Thieme, and Janet Wintersberger) reached 2500 hours and received a trophy.
- Sharon gave recognition to all the 2017 board members and officers. Each person was given a SEWMG gift.
- Sharon recognized each of the standing committee Chairs and Co-chairs. Each was given a SEWMG gift
- Sharon thanked Mark Pawlak for all of his assistance this past year and congratulated Roger Kocher for becoming the next president.

Ann Wied announced:

- Ann announced that 88 Level I Master Gardeners graduated out of 125 that took the class
- Ann stated that 48 graduates were present this evening. All graduates received their badges.
- The three SEWMG volunteers with the highest number hours in 2017 were Susan McDonell, Ann Phillips, and Jennifer Lazewski.

Mark Pawlak thanked Sharon Morrisey for all of her years of service and presented her with a bouquet of white roses. For a retirement gift, a tree will be planted at Boerner Botanical Garden in Sharon's name. Any SEWMG member who wants to make a donation for the tree can do so by December 31, 2017.

Gavel was presented to Roger Kocher by Mark Pawlak.

Adjourned at 8:33 pm

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary