

SEWMG Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2018

Members Present-26

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 by President, Roger Kocher.

Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes from January 2018 and February 2018 were approved. There were no corrections.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for February 2018 was presented by Roger Kocher.

UW Extension Report

Ann Wied reported:

- Two Pruning workshops are scheduled for March 10 and March 23 at UW-Waukesha. Both classes are full.
- Level 2 training has 140 people registered. The class is going very well.
- Fox 6 Garden- Wait and see. Should have more information in about a month.
- Sharon Morrissey's position has not been posted yet.
- On July 1, 2018, UW-Extension will be part of UW-Madison. Not sure what the changes will be yet.
- Hort Therapy Workshop – This will be taught by Mike Maddox, open to Master Gardener's first. Watch for emails.
- Boerner Botanical Garden – if you need to schedule an event here, you need to schedule it with Ann.
- Do not plan on using the new building yet. Betsy has very limited house at the Extension Building on Watertown Plank Road. Try to use other buildings such as public libraries whenever possible.

Nancy Lehrer reported:

- Laura Herzog was introduced by Nancy as the new Volunteer Coordinator.
- Please give Laura a little more advance notice when handouts are needed.
- Watch emails for volunteer opportunities.

Committees

Plant Sale – Diane Thieme reported:

- The informational meeting for the plant sale will be Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 pm at the extension office on Watertown Plank Road.
- Bonnie Paplham sent out an email for help with creating and printing pictures and working on the computer to print labels at the pot-a-thons. She received many responses.
- 1000 bookmarks were ordered and handed out. Another order will be made. Colored flyers are available for posting on bulletin boards at community buildings, businesses, etc.
- No plants will be placed on grassy areas at the Plant Sale. Neither volunteers nor customers will be allowed on grassy areas. This is due to jumping worms. The plan is to use temporary fencing in the parking lot at State Fair Park to enclose a large number of plants.
- Patty Witt will be back soon and completing the pot-a-thon schedule,
- Larry Paplham will be sending out an email requesting drivers for delivering supplies on Carlin Day, towing the trailer to and from pot-a-thons, and picking up and delivering plants during Plant Sale week.

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Garden Support

- Jennifer Lazewski reported that The Garden Chair Forum will take place next Wednesday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Boerner. All approved gardens are expected to send at least one representative. We will be reviewing the requirements and forms for continuing garden approval and the SEWMG budget process. We also plan to have breakout sessions by type of garden to discuss garden leadership, planning and other issues in smaller groups. Any MGVs or trainees are welcome to attend and learn more about approved gardens.
- The Garden Support Committee will meet today, after the monthly meeting.

In House Education – Judy Williamson reported

- The next program is on March 20, 2018 on Life Long Gardening presented by Marilyn Cech
- The following program is on April 16, 2018 at the New Berlin Ale House. The topics are Identifying and Understanding Jumping Worms and Permaculture Basics. The speaker is Bernie Williams.
- The committee is working on the fall programs.

Trips and Tours

Nothing to report

Lifelong Gardening

- The committee is working on a program called “Train the Trainer.”
- 15 programs have been scheduled so far this year.
- LLG will not be at the plant sale this year.

Special Events

- Set up for the Home Show is March 21. Training is Thursday March 22 at 1:00.

Clothing

Peg Schellin reported that there were 66 orders for clothing totaling over \$3000. The majority of the orders have been picked up.

Sunshine –Judy Savage reported that Emi Harrington died. A donation to the State Master Gardener program has been made in her name. Cheryl Rasmann may need more rides for doctor’s appointments in the future. Watch for emails.

Membership – nothing to report

Projects

- The new educational sign working group met on February 6 and decided on four sign subjects to start. Draft signs are being finished and reviewed. We expect to have final sign designs for selection by garden chairpersons in late April or early May. They should be available for placement in approved gardens this summer. Depending on the response by garden chairs, we can fund through GSC budget or request additional funds from the Finance Committee if needed.
- Jennifer reported that the Pollinator Group met in February. At the meeting, they discussed habitat gardening in our yards and reviewed butterflies, moths, flies, and beetles as pollinators. The next meeting will be March 27 at 6-7:30 pm in the Constitution Room at the West Allis Public Library. We

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will continue discussion about landscaping for wildlife habitat in our yards and review natives bees and wasps as pollinators.

- Ann said MGVs should NOT be using power tools like chain saws in gardens.

WIMGA –

John Hahn – SEWMG rep to WIMGA and WIMGA director reported

Reorganization

Mike Maddox talked about more finalization of changes to be made as a result of UW-Ext coming under the administration of UW Madison. This means that all the volunteer programs of Ext. like 4H, Master gardeners, is under development. Currently, 4H is the largest group and Master Gardeners are #2.

This will obviously cause changes to be made to provide uniformity for all groups, in order to comply with the as yet to be finalized MOU.

Currently, there is no newsletter. Mike Maddox is working on getting one.

New Business

Laurie Baker and Jeff Trader are hosting a Speaker's Workshop on Saturday, April 21 at the New Berlin Library, 15105 Library Lane, New Berlin, from 10:00-noon. MGVs who think they might want to make presentations to public groups as part of their MGV service hours will find this workshop helpful.

Announcements

- Pat Adrian announced that many emails sent out for the Plant Sale, including the pot-a-thon schedule, daily activities, updates on plant totals, etc.
- The newsletter deadline is April 1.
- If anyone needs copies of the brochure on jumping worms, it will have to be printed at the extension office. The DNR does not have the money to print more copies.
- There was a discussion about preventing jumping worms at Eble Garden and at the gardens of MGVs. A policy needs to be worked on for all of the gardens.

Reminders

Next 3 meetings:

April 11 – 9:30 am at Waukesha

May 9 – Location to be announced

June 13 – Location to be announced

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham