

SEWMG Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2018

**Members Present-16**

**The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by president-elect Jennifer Lazewski.**

**Prior Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from April 2018 were not approved as there was no quorum. There were no changes.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurers report for April 2018 was presented by Pat Conole.

**Old Business**

**Committees**

*Plant Sale* – The Plant Sale Committee are all at a pot-a-thon this morning. Diane Thieme forwarded a report stating that pot -a -thons are ongoing. Because of the late spring, there may be fewer plants for the sale. Next week is the work week at the fairgrounds. Member sale is Friday from 3 to 6:30. Public sale is Saturday from 8 to 1. The Silent Auction is Friday as well.

*In House Education*- nothing to report

*Trips and Tours*- Doris Fons reported that Jerry Nelson's tour is in place. July 13 trip to Bookworm Gardens and Christopher Farm is coming up.

*Special Events*- nothing to report

*Clothing*-nothing to report

*Sunshine* –Judy is looking for addresses for MGVs who are ill and not active any more. She is looking for suggestions on how to get address information. Also, she is looking for suggestions on how to recognize members who die who have not been active recently. It was stated that a person can be a SEWMG member and not be a master gardener as long as dues are paid. Ann said that the State may make a policy on this in the future. Currently, if a person is in the directory (dues are paid) then Judy sends out a memorial.

*Membership* –nothing to report

**Projects**

*Lifelong Gardening*-Mary Redlinger reported that they are working on the train the trainer program. Hopefully they will do a run through in August. They want to train other counties in Wisconsin to do lifelong gardening presentations. There are lots of presentations and displays ongoing. They will present at State Fair, but will not be at the Plant Sale.

*Garden Support*-nothing to report

*Plant Education* – signs will be done by mid- June. They will have basics like sun, shade, native plants, plant care etc. Hopefully they will be able to provide signs to gardens for free. The committee will meet in June.

*Pollinator group* – They will be at the plant sale. They are scheduling a meeting to discuss wildlife gardening.

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### WIMGA –

John Hahn – SEWMG rep to WIMGA and WIMGA director:

- There was a meeting on April 28. The Board of Directors manual for WIMGA is completed. They have a start on the website which they are paying someone to do - [www.wimga.org](http://www.wimga.org). You will need a password to get into addresses on the website. Members will be able to request access to this information.
- Mike Maddox is developing videos on leadership skills.
- They are working on a MOU between state (UW) and MG program. Madison does not want ambiguity. There is no uniform program today statewide. They want specific guidelines statewide. They know what they need, but they do not know how to do it yet. The State likes 4H standards and reporting.
- Mike Maddox wants to put more resources online.
- State conference is in Eau Claire this year. Brochures are on table.

### UW Extension Report

Ann Wied reported:

- There will be a DNR and UW extension focus group on tree care – Wed May 23 – 4:30 – 6:30 at the Urban Ecology Center. The purpose is to share ideas on resources that would be helpful. Betsy will send something out asking for a response.
- Effective July 1 – SEWMG will be connected to UW Madison. This will be a 2 year process. The Re org is happening simultaneously. The Re org is affecting Sharon's replacement. Budget cuts means every position is being looked at. MG program is big priority.
- UW cooperative extension is a state and county partnership – always has been and will continue .
- Ann is looking for feedback from officers and board regarding master gardener program – an email has been sent out.
- Milwaukee County office moving in early June to Summit Place. Betsy is point person. Phone number will change. A map will be provided giving directions for first few meetings.

Laura Herzog reported:

- Laura will need assistance with packing and unpacking. She will send out a request for assistance.
- Laura will send an email stating that requests for handouts should be requested in advance of the move because they will be difficult to do during move dates.
- They want to limit handouts for presentations. No more than 4 different handouts at a presentation.
- Only one projector and one laptop are available. Let Laura know in advance if you need them.

### Announcements

- There will be a beer garden at Eble Park on May 24-May 26 to celebrate the anniversary of the ice pavilion. We will be showcasing the gardens and giving tours. Handouts are being created for the celebration.
- Newsletter deadline is June 1

**Reminders**

Next three meetings:

**June 13<sup>th</sup> - location to be announced**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> - location to be announced**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> - location to be announced**

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 03

Respectfully submitted, Bernita Hile, secretary