

## SEWMG Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2018

### Members Present-22

#### The meeting was called to order at 9:31 by president Roger Kocher

#### Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes from April and May 2018 were not approved as there was no quorum. No changes were made.

#### Treasurer's Report

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

#### Old Business

##### Committees

##### *Plant Sale –*

1. The post sale assessment meeting of the committee and key volunteers will be June 27.
2. State Fair people (Kayla and Ian) were outstanding to work with for the entire week.
3. Thank you to all of the committee, such a well oiled machine. Also, a huge thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who worked all year to make the sale a success.
4. Some general observations
  - The new layout was very positively received – much more room for plants, shoppers, and volunteers. We will fine tune it for next year.
  - The new checkout procedures sped up check outs and shortened the lines considerably.
  - The education area with Invasives, PHA, Jumping Worms, Pollinators was much more accessible to the customers .
  - We had OUTSTANDING volunteer participation.
  - We need to put a limit on how many premium plants a customer may buy.
  - We need to include a statement in our published materials about retail buyers.
  - ATM needs to be closer to the checkout area.
  - We need Port a Potties at both the north and south ends of the grounds.
5. Plant count was about 2500 fewer due to the cold spring and snow. We especially lost hostas.
6. Friday night MGV transactions were in the normal 200-225 range, but our sale dollars were higher than average. Customers made larger purchases. The Silent Auction was very successful - \$640
7. Saturday transactions were down about 100 people, but profits were about the same.
8. Monday transactions (pouring rain) were 3 plus garden chairs. We saved some of the plants to heel in for next year and donated the rest to Habitat.
9. Need to find a worm free summer home to heel in plants for next year.

*In House Education-* nothing to report until fall. Information will be provided in the newsletter.

*Trips and Tours-* a couple spots are available for the July trip to Christopher Farm.

*Special Events-* nothing to report

*Clothing-* nothing to report

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*Sunshine* –nothing to report

*Membership* –nothing to report

Projects

*Lifelong Gardening*-nothing to report

*Garden Support*-Jennifer reported that garden visit scheduling is going on. A Garden Support Committee Meeting will be held after this meeting.

*Invasive species* – nothing to report

*Pollinator group* –Jennifer reported that bumble bee photo monitoring is being done at Retzer.

WIMGA –nothing to report

**UW Extension Report**

Ann Wied reported:

- The Milwaukee extension office moved in Monday and Tuesday to Summit Place.
- An email will come out regarding phone numbers, parking etc. for the new office.
- Everyone at Summit Place is in a cube. Storage space is tight. Meeting room space should be reserved through Betsy – there are 30 and 150 person capacity rooms.
- Eloisa is retiring on July 6. The interim director is Tedi Winnet. Eloisa's position has been posted.
- They are looking at hiring an interim person to replace Sharon Morrissey.
- Ann will continue being the dual person until Sharon is replaced.

**New Business**

Audit report

Jennifer Lazewski reported that the financial records are in very good order. The Committee will make recommendations within the next month or so.

**Reminders**

Next two meetings:

**July 11<sup>th</sup> - Boerner Botanical Gardens – 6:30 PM**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> - Boerner**

**September – Waukesha**

**October & November – Summit Place**

**Picnic is August 16<sup>th</sup> at Mitchell Park in Brookfield. An email will be sent out.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21.

Respectfully submitted, Bernita Hile, secretary