

## SEWMG Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2018

### Members Present-30

#### The meeting was called to order at 6:33 by president Roger Kocher

#### Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes from April, May and June 2018 were approved.

#### Treasurer's Report

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

#### Old Business

#### Committees

*Plant Sale* – Diane Thieme reported :

- The Plant Sale Committee meeting was on June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The committee will need to inspect donor gardens for jumping worms this year if members want to donate plants for next year.
- They Plant Sale Committee will try to increase the Song Sparrow order for next year.
- A possible dahlia donor has been identified.
- The Plant Sale Committee plans to work with Brent and Becky bulbs and maybe do a bulk order and sell at the plant sale.
- Cargill will give us more trays for butterfly kits, annuals etc.
- The layout has been tweaked a little to draw more people into the back.
- The number of workers on Friday will be reduced.
- The ATM and port-a-potty will be moved closer to the entrance and work areas.
- The purchase of premium plants will be limited to ensure that there is an opportunity for all to buy.
- More drivers are needed to pull trailers, especially on Tuesday before the sale.

*In House Education*-nothing to report

*Trips and Tours*- there is a trip on Friday to Christopher Farm

*Special Events*- nothing to report

*Clothing*- nothing to report

*Sunshine* –nothing to report. Judy reminded everyone to tell her of illnesses etc.

*Membership* –only 7 people have not paid their dues.

#### Projects

*Lifelong Gardening*-Ann Loper reported that they have done 19 presentations this year. They are working on a train the trainer program for fall. They will be at State Fair with an EI garden for youth so that they can see plant roots growing.

*Garden Support*- Jennifer Lazewski reported that expenses were minimal for stakes and signage. Email was sent to garden chairs with information on jumping worms.

Educational sign project has been delayed a bit. It will be finished for next year.

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Garden visits are ongoing including youth gardens. Reports will be provided to garden chairs. The next meeting will be in August after the monthly meeting.

*Invasive species* – nothing to report

*Pollinator group* –Jennifer Lazewski reported:

- There is a new Wisconsin project run by the DNR called The Bumblebee Brigade.
- The pollinator group will be at Maryland Montessori School on Thursday.
- The Pollinator Group will have booths at Boerner's Enchanted Evening on July 29, UEC (Urban Ecology Center )Bee Aware Event on August 18 and Wehr Bug Day on September 16.
- There is a native gardening conference on September 16 at the UW Arboretum. Brad Herrick will speak about jumping worms.

WIMGA –nothing to report

### Audit report

The Audit Committee met with the Treasurer. There were a couple items, but finances look to be in really good shape. The committee looked at 3 months of statements. The final report will go to the board. There were some questions about why the audit report has taken so long.

### UW Extension Staff Report

Ann Wied reported:

- Fauzi has done State Fair for 16-17 years. He did scheduling this year and now he is done. Ann is doing Fair with Nancy Dubek. There are 2 orientations for State Fair – July 31 and August 1. Ann is looking at making the State Fair into a committee with chairs for different parts of it.
- Eloisa is retired. Her position has been posted. There is an interim director – Tedi Winnett.
- Effective July 1 we are merged with UW Madison.
- Ann will be at MG Coordinator conference in Madison in August.
- Master gardeners are staffing youth activities at Waukesha County Fair.
- Susan Taylor will try and coordinate plant health updates that were done by Sharon.
- Master Gardeners are helping Ann with youth activities.
- The State does not have enough money to fill all open positions. Lots of open positions around the state.
- We will only have one Level 1 training in the fall.

MGV Volunteer Coordinator:

Laura Herzog was not present but provided the following information:

The hand-outs are ready for State Fair while Betsy and Ann are working at coordinating the SEWMG volunteer ticket and information mailing. We are updating our hand-outs with our new information and working on determining the contents of the Level 1 Training binder. We also have a new location for pick-up for our hand-outs. As you come into the front door, turn to the right, you will see a large metal cabinet next to a smaller metal cabinet with a blue Horticulture sign on top of it. The hand-outs will be in a bag or box labeled with the MG customer name on them inside the large metal cabinet. We will also have a SEWMG hand-out pick up sign.

### New Business

Judy Savage said that old information cards have wrong phone numbers. Learning store brochures have incorrect phone numbers. Betsy sent out information on new phone numbers.

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**Reminders**

Next two meetings:

**August 8<sup>th</sup> - Boerner Botanical Gardens 9:30 AM**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> – Waukesha County Courthouse 9:30 AM**

**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 7:34.

Respectfully submitted, Bernita Hile, secretary