

SEWMG Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2018

Members Present-23

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by president Roger Kocher.

Valorie Sangsland presented a check for \$1000 to SEWMG from her employer, Avnet. This represents a \$10 an hour contribution for each hour that Valorie volunteered. Valorie would like the Lifelong Gardening Committee to be the primary beneficiary of these funds. Valorie was asked to write an article about this for the newsletter.

Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the July and August meeting were not approved as we did not have a quorum. There were no questions or changes.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers report for August 2018 was presented by Bernita Hile as Pat Conole and Larry Paplham were absent. There was a question as to why the money market account's balance was reduced by almost \$10,000 in August. Bernita explained that deposits are often made into the money market account and then transferred to the checking account in order to avoid checks deposited fees.

Old Business

Committees

Plant Sale – Diane Thieme reported :

- They are done with worm inspections.
- They haven't started the dig schedule yet.
- Eble has not told us if we can heel in plants there this year.
- Green Power Garden may allow heeling in.
- They have bought more sleds.
- They have ordered more bookmarks and shoe covers.
- They will not be using Fafard next year for potting, they will be using Berger because Fafard can only be delivered in truckloads. Berger is cheaper.
- They are looking into Radke's to buy plants for plant sale.

In House Education-nothing to report

Trips and Tours- nothing to report

Special Events- nothing to report

Clothing- nothing to report

Sunshine –nothing to report

Membership –Patti was not present but provided the following report:

- 238 members have paid their dues to date.
- 4 people have said they aren't interested in continuing their membership.

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Projects

Lifelong Gardening-Ann Loper reported:

- They have received 3 speaking requests already for 2019.
- They have sent the train the trainer zip drive to Mike Maddox. He will review. They hope to get going in early Spring.

Garden Support- Jennifer Lazewski reported:

- Garden visits are completed.
- The Garden Support Committee is meeting after this meeting.

Invasive species

Ruth Marshall reported:

- They are meeting September 17 from 9 – 12 at Ten Chimneys.
- DNR told Mary that Champion Tree project will be up and running next year.
- Last week 40 Carroll College freshmen came out to do weeding and removal of buckthorn at Ten Chimneys.

Pollinator group

Jennifer Lazewski reported that they are working with 4 nature centers in 2 counties.

WIMGA

WIMGA conference is coming up in Eau Claire on September 22 and 23.

Audit

Jennifer reported that the Audit Report was reviewed with the Board. She went through the recommendations.

UW Extension Staff Report Ann Wied reported:

- 74 people in Level 1 training at Boerner.
- They are only doing one binder this year.
- There is discussion on Sharon's replacement but no decision.
- They are discussing the MGV graduation options.
- The Volunteer directory will be updated.

New Business

Announcements:

No announcements.

Reminders

Next three meetings:

October 10th – Summit Place 9:30 AM

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November – if needed

December – Christmas party and meeting will be December 5, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25.

Respectfully submitted, Bernita Hile, secretary