

## SEWMG Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2018

### Members Present-26

**The meeting was called to order at 9:36 by president Roger Kocher.**

#### **Prior Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the July, August and September meetings were approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

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

#### **Old Business**

##### Committees

*Plant Sale* – Diane Thieme reported that we signed our contract with State Fair and the charges will remain the same.

*In House Education*-Rita Piper reported:

- The Volunteer Opportunity Fair will be February 2. They are working on getting a speaker.
- They are working on contacting speakers for fall and spring education.
- They will be talking to Lifelong Learning about sharing their new speaker system.

*Trips and Tours*- nothing to report

*Special Events*-

Ann Wied reported that there was a meeting on the State Fair project to determine how it will be run now that Fauzi and Nancy Dubyk are not involved. The meeting had a good turnout - 12-14 people attended. Ann is having a hard time reaching someone at State Fair.

*Clothing*- Janet Wintersberger reported that they are waiting to see if the logo is going to change. Ann will check into that further.

*Sunshine* –Judy stated that a memorial was sent for Virginia Oakland.

*Membership* –Patti stated that 414 members have paid their dues.

#### **Projects**

*Lifelong Gardening*-Mary Redlinger reported:

- They are going strong.
- They have gotten approval from Mike Maddox for train the trainer materials.
- They will be at the Volunteer Opportunity Fair.

*Garden Support*- Jennifer Lazewski reported:

- There is a Garden Support committee after this meeting.
- Room availability at Boerner is more difficult due to some dates being blocked or reserved for other purposes.
- Garden Binder with information on every garden is in the UWEX office.
- Garden Chair forum needs to be scheduled.

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*Invasive species* - Dan Cummings reported:

- They were in Dousman buckthorning.
- They will be at 10 Chimneys this coming Monday at 9:00.

*Pollinator Group*

Jennifer Lazewski reported that the Pollinator Group is not active right now.

### WIMGA

It was reported that the WIMGA conference in Eau Claire was very good and very well done. They have a project book that could be shared with others that may want to host in the future. They are looking for hosts for the State Conference in upcoming years. We will discuss maybe doing it in 2020. The last time we hosted was in 2008 and we lost money on it.

UW Extension Staff Report - Ann Wied reported:

- 73 students in Level 1 class.
- Graduation will be February 2.
- There will be Volunteer recognition at the holiday party but not graduation.
- The Volunteer directory is being updated. A hard copy will go to the new class and will be posted on the website.
- There is a plan for the reorganization but it could change.
  - There will be 2 new regional jobs that cover Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha.
  - One job will be the Horticulture Program coordinator (Master Gardener coordinator) housed in Milwaukee.
  - The other job will be the Consumer Horticulture Outreach specialist – Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha – housed in Racine/ Kenosha – focused on outreach and media. This will be the go to person for content and questions. For example, this would be the Fox 6 garden person.
  - Ann will retain her job – co-lead for Milwaukee/ Waukesha MG program.
  - Ann will let us know who to go to for what.
  - Hope to get positions posted by month end and have people on board by February-March.
- We may have to go to state forms for reporting works hours and education.

Laura Herzog reported

- There will be a tour of the office after the meeting.
- Office Hours will be 8 – 12. If closed call Laura first and then Erin or Tammy. Someone is here until 4:30. Numbers are posted next to phone by the door.
- Laura is working on updating displays.

New Business – nothing to report

Announcements:

### Reminders

**Budget meeting is November 10 at 9:30 at Summit Place.**

**No business meeting in November.**

**December – Christmas party and meeting will be December 5, 2018 at Aliotas.**

**Invitation will be in newsletter.**

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:26.

Respectfully submitted, Bernita Hile, secretary