

SEWMG Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2019

Members Present-63

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by president, Jennifer Lazewski.

Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the June 2019 meeting were not approved as they were not posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's reports for June and July 2019 were presented by Lars Paplham.

Board Leadership Committee Report – Mary Wolverton

Roger Kocher as past president is tasked with finding new board members. Board positions are open. Please talk to Roger or Mary Wolverton if you are interested. We need a new vice president and possibly a president and one board member. We are looking for new people to get involved. Board member duties are in the by-laws. The duties of the board are to advocate for and develop policies that are in the best interests of our organization's mission.

UWEX Horticulture Educator Report – Ann Wied

- Level 1 training is starting in September. Training will be at Summit Place in West Allis and Fox Brook Park in Brookfield. Larger scholarships will be available this year.
- Starting September 15 MGVs will no longer be able to count travel time for hours. This is part of the merger with UW Madison. It is due to training and liability issues.
- The new online reporting system must be used for hours. If an MGV helps someone with their hours they can count it as volunteer hours. The link is on the SEWMG website under "reporting hours".
- If you need to get in touch with Caitlin use her email. She is very busy.
- There will be a sustainability Fair at Retzer Nature Center on August 24. Master Gardeners are heavily involved. MGVs can get continuing education hours for attending.

Committee Reports

Committee Reports were provided in a handout at the meeting.

New Business

End of Year Reports – Jennifer Lazewski

- Annual Dues are due September 15.
- Items purchased for more than \$25 that are not "used up" need to be on an inventory update form and sent to Diane Thieme.
- Garden project annual reports are due September 15 - need to tell us what is new as well as what is done all the time. Forms are on "documents" page and "approved gardens" page on website.
- Budget requests are due September 15. Be thoughtful when making budget requests. Do not just request what you requested last year. Budget requests go to Finance Committee.

Announcements

- **Next business meeting in October TBA**
- There will be a Project and committee day in September.
- The Annual Picnic is August 15 at Mitchell Park Pavilion in Brookfield.
- The Plant Sale needs new people as the existing group is retiring. Contact Diane Thieme, Bonnie Paplham and Patty Witt if interested in getting trained to take over positions. 25 year Plant Sale is 2020.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bernita Hile, secretary