Meeting was called to order by Future President, Diane Thieme at 9:30am and noted that document approval will be provisional due to a lack of quorum.

Prior Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2013 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell with provisional approval.

Treasurer’s Report for August 2013 was given by Treasurer, Lindy Pawlak with provisional approval.

Old Business

Committees

- Plant Sale – Patty Witt reported:
  - Lee Ann Duke’s hostas will be checked out by Bill and Ed.
  - Eble has space for donated plants that can be over-wintered for next year’s plant sale.
  - Zoo Butterfly Garden has plants to donate which will need to be done in the spring.

- Garden Support – Patty Witt reported:
  - New Co-chair is Ken Loeffel.
  - Last meeting had approx 15 attendees.
  - Some garden chairs have requested a visit report. And a garden synopsis with pictures be made available on the website.
  - Opportunity Fair will be 1/18 from 9-12 with a speaker at 12pm.
  - Volunteer Celebration is 3/12.
  - Garden Chair Forum will be 3/20 from 6-8:30pm.
  - Next meeting will be 10/2 at 9:30 at Milw UW Extension, room 305.

- In-House Education - Judy Williamson reported:
  - Kathy is working on October’s session.
  - Diane provided contact for a City of Milwaukee Greenhouse tour and discussion.
  - The Sept day lily forum was well attended, approx 70 people.

- Life Long Gardening – Diane Thieme reported:
  - Next meeting is October 2, at Milw Extension at 5:30 pm.

- Finance Committee – Fred Redlinger reported:
  - Budget and garden reports are due Sept 15.

- Holiday Party / Annual Meeting – Patty Witt and Judy Williamson reported:
  - Table display group is looking for globe thistle, allium and hydrangea blooms for center pieces, let Diane Thieme know if you have some to contribute.
  - Location is the Doubletree on Bluemound Rd in Brookfield. There will be a sit down dinner for up to 200 attendees. There may be a $10 fee.
  - Sign up will begin with the next newsletter.

- WIMGA update - John Hahn reported:
  - State Conference in Janesville 8/16-17 was smaller scale than previous ones, but was very good. Will have more specifics at next meeting. WIGMA receives 75% of its funds from annual conference.

- Annual Picnic – Diane Thieme reported:
  - Approx 45-50 attendees and the site was adequate with a kitchen, electricity, inside/outside tables and seating. Leftover food will be used during plant sale week.
  - Improvements include better promotion and good signage/directions.
New Business
  o Ann Wied, Horticulture Agent/Educator reported:
    • New class has 17 more students this year, 67 at Waukesha and 75 at Boerner. Total of 142 students.
    • There may be a moratorium on new gardens.
    • Emerald Ash Boer has been sited in Waukesha.
  o Diane Thieme (for Janet Wintersberger) said that 10 scholarships for 2013 General Training were awarded at $75 each out of 18 applications. Awards are given based on 3 essay questions.
  o Diane Thieme provided info on our organization’s GFS store membership which is tax free and provides a rewards rebate checks. Can coordinate shopping with Diane or Lindy.
  o Diane announced ‘help wanted’ for the outreach committee and an additional plant sale trailer driver.
  o Group discussed possible by-law changes for quorum at business meetings which was brought up by Dan Cummings. Diane will take back to president, Kris Jensen.

Announcement & Reminders:
  o Sandy Manning announced that New Letter items are due 10-1.
  o Next meeting is October 9, at 9:30am at MCCE.

Adjourned at 11:00am
Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary