SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes  
Date May 11, 2011

Members Present: 24

Meeting was called to order by: by President Mary Thiele at 9:31am.

Nuggets: John Hahn – told us about free shipping on Amazon when you order over $25 in plants.

Doris Fons asked if anyone had responded to the plants that Aldi was giving away.

Mary Thiele thanked everyone for their help at the pot-a-thons, and that several observers have complimented us on having a very smooth running organization.

Favorite Things: Patty Witt brought in the Cobra Head Tool that she talked about last month; Betty Polcyn said she had a similar one with a long handle.

Consumer Horticulture Agent: Mary Thiele explained that Sharon Morrisey is still recovering from her surgery and had no new “Hort News” for this month.

Prior Meeting Minutes: April minutes were read by Secretary Mary Redlinger, and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: was given by Treasurer, Joy Towell and approved.

Old Business:

1. Plant Sale report was given by Carla Magnus and Patty Witt, the pot-a-thons are completed. The committee and SEWMG volunteers will be getting the DNR area of State Fair ready for the delivery of plants, next week. The scheduled work times will be Monday and Tuesday 9-4; Wednesday 9-6, Thursday 9-? Friday: finishing touches of the area. The MG sale will be from 3-7 with silent auction.

2. Inspire by Example luncheon was last month and those who went gave feedback to the group.

3. Both Mary Redlinger and Kay Costello gave a brief report on the Life-long gardening Committee. Mary alerted to those present that their June meeting is cancelled with the next meeting being July 11 at the Extension Office. The committee will also meet on Sept.12 and Oct. 10.

4. Patty Witt and Eileen Rudnick gave a brief report on the Garden Support Committee; their next meeting will be June 14 at the Extension office.

5. Mary Thiele stated that the Long Term Planning Committee will have it’s next meeting on June 29, 9-12 at the office.

6. Faouzi Kablaoui gave a report on State Fair. He said all the shifts were not filled yet and that the passport project will be continued this year (where children must bring their parents through the area to get their “passport” stamped).

7. Mary Thiele stated that the annual picnic will be at the North Point Light House. You may drop your things off at the light house and then park at the Lake Park Bistro. The time is set for Thursday, August 18, 5-8pm.

8. Sandy Manning announced that she, Fred Redlinger and Judy Savage have completed the yearly audit. There were no errors found during their audit.
New Business: The leadership committee announced that Dan Cummings has accepted the position of president-elect.

Announcements and Reminders
1. Ruth Marshall requested assistance on a project that SEWISC (the Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium) is working on. They are asking for volunteers to help conduct our region’s first Roadside Invasive Species Survey. Surveys can be performed anytime from May 14-July 24, training will be provided. Contact a survey team near you, if interested.
2. Mary Thiele read a letter from, Dr. Wild from UW-Madison informing us who received the scholarship there.
3. Diane Olsen requested help at Havenswood. Several members’ present offered suggestions on how she can get more MG’s involved.
4. Mary Thiele told us that a new table-top display on container gardening was ready for use.
5. Doris Fons announced the up-coming programs:
   - May 25 – Jerry Nelson’s House
   - June 1 – Organic Gardening, by Sharon Morrisey at the office
   - June 15 – Boener Hosta Walk
   - June 22 – Home Remedies, at the office, 9am
   - July 6 – Boerner Walk
   - July 17 – Bus Trip
6. Doris announced her semi-retirement; her “team” will continue to do the bus trips, but will not be doing the program meetings.

Adjourned: at 10:53am

Next meeting will be held on June 8, at the Waukesha Courthouse at 9:30am

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Redlinger, SEWMG secretary