SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
Date August 10, 2011

Members Present: 24

Meeting was called to order by: by President Mary Thiele at 9:31am.
Mary asked how are our gardens are doing?
- Bill Shaffer stated that 4 legged critters had dug up our State Fair gardens 3x this year.
- Kathleen Hochevar visited and enjoyed the Butterfly and Borchert Gardens in Victoria, Canada and on Vancouver Island.
- Marcia Zientek went to the WIMGA Conference and was very impressed with the many succulent and uniquely decorated gardens on the optional tours.

Prior Meeting Minutes: were approved as read by secretary, Mary Redlinger.

Treasurer’s Report: was given by Roxanne Lombardi, in Treasurer Joy Towell’s absence. Report was approved as read.

Volunteer Coordinator: Nancy Lehrer gave us an up-date on future happenings that are going on at the UW-Ext. office, which we might be interested in.

Old Business:
1. Finance Committee: Ruth Marshall reminded all of those present that if you think you might go over budget- check with the finance committee before you spend the money because it may not be approved!
   -a. The Category A, priority one funding, the projects have been separated from the Gardens. So Category A now has two parts: Gardens and Projects. The projects taken out of the Gardens are: UW Ext. Bee Keeping Program, Wisconsin Champion Trees and Invasive Species Eradication.
   -b. Three Committees have been moved into the Category A, Priority one funding Projects, from the Discretionary, Category D, priority 4 funding. The Committees are: Display, Life Long Gardening and the Garden Support.
   -c. The Annual Meeting has been moved up to the Administrative, Category B, Priority 2 funding from the Discretionary, Category D, Priority 4 funding. This was due to the Annual meeting being a requirement in our Bylaws.
   -There was some discussion, and the final review will be open to the membership on Saturday, November 5.
2. Garden Support Committee: Patty Witt gave a brief report, announcing that there will be a meeting about The Veggie Garden Tours after the Sept.14 meeting.
3. Long-term Planning Committee: Mary Thiele announced that a meeting was coming up on August 24.
4. Plant Sale Committee: Bill Shaffer handed out a sheet, that the committee is proposing, it is providing for more inventory control and about pot-a-thons.
5. Peg Fleury and Kathleen Hochevar, our new program chairs were introduced and stated that they had met with Doris Fons to get information on the future planned programs.

-On Sept. 7, at 6:30, Nancy Nedveck from the Flower Factory," Grasses in the Landscape".
-On Oct. 19, at 9am, Helena Pizzi, a worldwide rose judge, “Roses and Herbs”
Both of these programs will be at the UW-Ext. office.
-September 12, 6:30 – idea information meeting for future programs.

New Business:

Leila Leisch, who has been doing all of our hospitality set-up. She needs to take a year off, due to family medical issues. Mary Thiele asked if anyone could step in, and Sue Brown volunteered to help out for the remainder of this year.

Announcements and Reminders

1. Annual Picnic – North Point Light House, August 18, 5:30 pm.
2. State Fair- Faouzi Kablaoui told us that several people didn’t call or show for their assigned shift. This matter will be further discussed at a board meeting, since it does involve tickets that we paid for.
3. Dan Cummings announced the Midwest Hosta Society will be in Milwaukee in 2012 and is in need of gardens for tours.
4. Judy Williamson reminded everyone to get information to her to be placed on our web-site.
5. Donated items were raffled off, courtesy of Ruth Marshall.

Adjourned: at 10:40am

Next Meeting, September 14, 9:30am, Waukesha Courthouse

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Redlinger, SEWMG secretary