SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2010

Members Present: 35

Meeting was called to order by: by President Janet Wintersberger at 9:30a.m., Judy Williamson was thanked for all the hard work she put in on the new website that had been mandated by the State ext. office. Judy took a few questions and many favorable comments were given.

Consumer Horticulture Agent: Janet gave the report in Sharon Morrisey’s absence
   1. Nancy Lehrer from the ext. office gave us a recap on the County Fair.
   2. Janet reminded us of the upcoming classes offered at Boerner and the Specialty classes offered in fall, beginning 10/27.
   3. Judy Schmidt gave us an overview of how the pot recycling went this year.

Prior Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the September meeting were read by secretary Mary Redlinger, and were approved as read with the correction that the $7,500 award will be offered to one eligible person/ or group of people either outside the organization or within the U-W ext.

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

Old Business:
   1. Garden Support Committee: Mary Thiele stated that the committee was getting together to share info. on 11/11at 6:30, at the second annual Fall Garden Forum. This meeting is primarily for garden chairs, but all MGs are welcome! They will also be having a meeting on 12/14 to review all 36 gardens that were visited this year.
   2. Finance Committee- Judy Savage reported on the plant sale, gardens that are currently supported and looking over our SEWMG budget closely to see were money is coming in and going out. Saturday, 11/6 the budget for next year will be presented to the membership.
   3. Leadership Committee- Bill Shaffer stated that the slate of officers and board members will be ready in the next couple of weeks.

New Business:
   1. Fran Wiesner presented a project , that would call for the partnership of Milwaukee Center for Independence (MCFI) and possibly U-W ext. To help create gardens that could be staffed by MCFI – currently what they are looking for is volunteers that have expertise in planning out these gardens.
   2. Joy made a request, that if anyone has any outstanding expenses or 2011 dues to please turn these in so that the 2011 budget can be finalized.
3. Holiday Party / Annual Meeting – Judy Williamson reminded us of this party on 12/8 at Best Western Midway and the annual meeting that we will have at the dinner. This is a very important meeting at which we elect/ install new officers, vote on the new budget and nominate and vote for non-profit organizations to receive a donation of our income from the plant sale.

4. Marcia Zientek reminded us of the upcoming collaborative meeting on 11/13, all are welcome.

Announcements and Reminders:

1. Mary Thiele suggested that we think about how we want to schedule meetings in the future? Evening, Waukesha, different days or the possibility of combining speaker and business meetings – maybe a pot luck for evening meetings?

2. John Hahn gave a brief report on WIMGA, what it is all about and why we have a representative for this state association.

Adjourned: at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Redlinger, SEWMG secretary