SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2010

Members Present: 36

Meeting was called to order by: by President Janet Wintersberger at 9:33am. Question of the month was: Why do you attend business meetings? Mary Claire Waller will be writing an article for the newsletter about the importance and reasons to attend the business meetings.

Janet added that a framed print of Kandy Stamborski’s rendition of a square-foot garden is being donated to the State MGV Conference in Sheboygan for their silent auction.

Consumer Horticulture Agent: was given by Sharon Morrisey
1. Sharon handed out new information on bees, wasps and mosquitoes which was provided by the extension office.
2. Two new gardens were announced: North Point Lighthouse and the Green Power Garden in Waukesha.

Prior Meeting Minutes: for the month of May the minutes were read by Mary Redlinger. The June minutes were read by Joy Towell. Both meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer’s Report: Joy gave the treasurer’s report and also reported on the annual plant sale.

Finance Committee Recommendations:
1. Judy Savage requested monies to be approved for the Display Committee to have 6 displays ready and available for future fairs.
2. Judy also requested funds to be given to the Hort. Center at Boener Botanical Garden to make educational posters with plant names and parts on them etc. --- After much discussion on these requests, both were approved.

Old Business:
1. State Fair – August 5-15
   a. Faouzi Kablaoui stated that he had some cancellations on the fair schedule, but was able to fill them from the back-up list that he had.
   b. He also announced that a mailing was going out on July 22 and anyone who can, should come to the office at 9:30 to help send this mailing out and it would be greatly appreciated.
   c. Sharon also requested help from MGs to come to the DNR section of the fair park to clean it up for the fair. Jill Lansing and Karen Johnson have been working hard on the butterfly and shade gardens. But, help is still needed for spreading mulch and plant identification etc. Work days are scheduled for 7/21- 8:30-12 and 7/31 at 9.
2. County Fair – September 22
Sharon shared that our (MGV) presence was requested at the 4th Annual Milwaukee County Fair. She requested a group of MGs to organize programs, develop displays and anything else that might be needed in our area etc.

New Business: Sharon announced that a youth garden committee has been formed.

Announcements and Reminders
1. John Hahn- our WIMGA Representative reminded those present of the upcoming conferences:
   State Conference (Sheboygan) July 23 & 24
   North Central Wisconsin MGV Conference (Wausau) August 21
   Upper Midwest Regional Conference (Rockford, IL) September 16-18
2. Picnic- August 25 – 6pm
   Mary reported that the Annual Picnic will be at Whitnall Park, area #8 this year. Everyone is requested to bring a chair and a dish to pass. This area was chosen, because of the restrooms, electricity and pavilion all in this section. She will be coming at 4 to start setting up. Anyone wishing to join her is more than welcome.
3. Program Committee
   a. Doris Fons gave a brief report, inviting everyone to the Sept. 13 meeting at 6:30, for future planning. Anyone who has any interest in giving input to our programs is welcome.
   b. She also passed around a sign-up sheet for a trip in Sept. to Baraboo Crane Foundation and the Wollenstein Winery. More info. will be on list-serve, Sharon Roy will be handling all the arrangements.
4. Newsletter Deadline – Sandy Manning emphasized the importance of the August 1 deadline, as she will be out of town the last week of the month.
5. The Sunshine Committee was thanked by one of our members for the lovely pressed flower card she received for her recent illness.

Adjourned: at 11am

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Redlinger, SEWMG secretary