Meeting was called to order by President, Pat Adrian at 9:35am.

Introduction of 2015 Officers by President Pat Adrian
2015 Officers include: 2015 board members include
Pat Adrian, President Jpy Towell, chairman
Liz Burke, President Elect Jeff Trader Trader, 2nd year board member
Lindy Pawlak, Treasurer Mary Korntved, 1st year board member
Bonnie Paplham, Secretary Bill Shaffer and Patty Witt, members at large

Prior Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2014 and December 10, 2014 were accepted as posted on the website.

Treasurer’s Report for December 2014 was given by Lindy Pawlak and approved.

Old Business
Committees
- Plant Sale – committee members reported:
  - Bill informed us that Q & Z Nursery has closed. Q & Z was a source of hostas for last year’s sale. Diane indicated that Klehm Song Sparrow has some hostas and perennials for sale.
  - Diane & Bill reported that the date for the Plant Sale Informational meeting will be posted soon.
  - Diane had 3000 new bookmarks printed for the sale. They have the new logo.

- Garden Support – Ken Loeffel reported:
  - This year’s opportunity fair scheduled for 1-17-15, 9:30-11:00am, with an education speaker after. Sharon Morrissey stated that any time spent on set up, clean up, or manning the booths during the fair counts for volunteer hours. If you are just attending, the time does not count for volunteer hours. If a member attended the speaker session from 11:00 to 12:30, it counts for education hours.
  - The next Garden Chair Forum scheduled for Thursday, March 19th from 6:30PM-8:15 PM at Boerner Botanical Garden.
  - Sue Ratkowski and Liz Burke are planning 2015 Public Garden Tour scheduled for August 8 from 10am – 2pm. Tour includes Pewaukee Library, Nu Genesis, Historic Dousman and Eble gardens.
  - The next Garden Support Committee meeting is February 4th at 9:30AM at UW EXT, Wauwatosa.

- In-House Education: Judy Williamson reported for Rita Piper:
  - February 7, 2015, New Berlin Library 10:00 – 11:30am (Registration Required, 180 seats)Topic – Creating a Backyard Wildlife Habitat, Dan Panetti, Owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Mequon
  - March 2015 Level 2 training – more information to come
  - April 14 or 15, 2015, Petit Center, Topic: Straw Bale Gardening
  - May 16, 2015 at the Plant Sale Topic: Life Long Gardening
  - Talked about finding a location for larger venues, mainly the Volunteer Opportunity Fair
Trips and Tours – Doris Fons reported:
- March 20, 2015 – Chicago Flower Show Bus Trip
- May 27, 2015 – Jerry Nelson Tour
- July 17, 2015 – Greg Bergman Garden, Lake Forest Il Bus Trip

Sharon Morrisey reported for Faouzi Kablaoui
- Faouzi Kablaoui has received very few responses for the Home Show in March. If you wish to volunteer, contact him directly. The topic of the Home Show is Container Gardening.

Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
- A new power point presentation has been made called “Tips on How to Protect Your Joints and Prevent Injuries While Gardening.”

Clothing – Peg Schellin
- Five items have been suggested. They are T-shirt, lightweight 1/2 zip sweatshirt, smaller heavy duty apron with pockets, cap, and patches that can be sewn on clothing. Clothing will be ordered in February and picked up in March.

Sunshine – No report

WIGMA –
- State MG Conference is July 31-August 1 2015 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin
- International MG Conference is September 22 – September 25, 2015 in Council Bluffs, Iowa

Membership – Patty Witt
- More members have paid their dues than indicated in December.
- If someone has problems completing their volunteer hours or their education hours by September 15 of each year, they should contact the UW Extension office for help or for an extension.

Audit – Liz Burke
- Past members of the audit committed will be contacted soon for the next audit

New Business
- Sharon Morrisey reported
- 18 parking places were added at the UW-Extension building on Watertown Plank Road. Small committee meetings can be held during the day and large group meetings can be held at night or on weekends.
- Volunteer Celebration and graduation is February 4, 2015 at 1st Congregational Church in Wauwatosa. It begins at 6:30 PM. Contact Nancy Lehrer if you are attending.
- March 7 – Power Point Workshop conducted by Elaine Wilhelm and Margaret Krueger
- March – Level 2 training Topic Living with Wildlife, Monday evenings
- Webinars – January 29 11:00 – 1:00 Topic – Conifers in the Home Garden
- February 3 11:00 - 1:00 Topic – Apples in the Home Garden
- Realtor Home Show
- March 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM Focus meeting – Presentation of Home Show topic
- March 19, 2015 at 1:00 PM Staff orientation meeting at State Fair Park Booth
  - Two volunteers are needed to be speakers at the Home Show. Nancy Lehrer will sending out a request
2015 Intl MG Conference Search for Excellence Application
  • An application was submitted in mid December for the SEWMG Plant Sale

Announcements
  o Newsletter deadline is February 1 for March newsletter.
  o Annual Holiday Party/Meeting is December 2, 2015 at Alioto’s on Burleigh Rd.
  o The Silent Auction for the Plant Sale needs items. Contact Mary Redlinger if you have a donation. The donation can be a special plant or items related to gardening.
  o Diane Thieme is updating the inventory list. If you have purchased any new items or if you are discarding any old items, contact Diane about the necessary changes to the inventory list.

Reminders:
  o Next Meeting is 2/11/15, 9:30 at Boerner.

Adjourned at 11:06am
  o Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Paplham, SEWMG secretary