

## SEWMG Business & Budget Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2008

Members present:

President Judy Williamson called the meeting to order.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

1/1/2008-2/29/2008 report was accepted. All new UWEX approved projects (not in the budget) should request funding through the grant committee.

Old Business:

1. Survey Committee – A mentoring survey was distributed for MG-in-training in Waukesha. MG-in-training in Milwaukee classes will receive surveys on March 17.
2. 2008 Conference Update – Committee is getting into the details. Information has been distributed to local and other state MG representatives. Latest WIMGA newsletter did not include 2008 conference date even though the WIMGA had received it. Hahn will talk with Dr. Mahr about its exclusion in the newsletter. Postcards about the 2008 conference will be mailed to SEWMGs without email access.
3. By-law Committee – Has begun reviewing the bylaws section-by-section. Recommended changes to date include correcting typographical errors (section 1 and 1.3) and aligning membership categories with WIMGA. Proposed changes will be added to binders kept in the office. Once the committee completes its review, proposed changes need WIMGAs approval. Copies will be sent to all SEWMG members prior to voting. The bylaws also need approval from the IRS to maintain non-profit status.
4. Plant Sale – Committee meeting March 25 at 7 pm. An area is needed on the south side as a holding spot for potting and watering.
5. Status of Budget – The 2008 budget was approved unanimously by members attending the February 13 meeting. Two members of the Board of Directors disagree with the funding for UWEX and its agents. After further discussion, two of the three board members recommended the budget be approved.

New Business

1. Membership Directory includes all active and inactive MGVs who have paid their dues. It was suggested that the Membership Committee should contact unpaid MGVs before the directory is compiled next year. An addendum to the directory may be prepared mid-2008.

Consumer Horticultural Agent's Report

1. The 2007 Annual Report on the UW-Extension Master Gardener Program (Milwaukee & Waukesha) was distributed at the Volunteer Recognition February 27. 19,840 volunteer hours were reported in 2007.
2. The UWEX-Hort Agents' focus for 2008 is education. Sharon gave Plant Doctor Updates about Spruce gall adelgids (A3288), Honeysuckle leafhopper aphids (A3184) and Ash Flower Galls (XHT1048) that may be observed now.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Wintersberger