

SEWMG Business & Budget Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2008

Members present:

President Judy Williamson called the meeting to order.

6/6/08 Business Meeting Minutes – Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

7/1-7/31/08 report was accepted.

Old Business:

1. Treasurer Search Committee – Committee has finalized the roles, duties and candidates and discussed with Executive Board.
 - The Finance Committee should be responsible for financial investments.
 - It's up to candidate to contact candidates and apply.
 - Treasurer should be bonded
2. Bylaw review committee – Proposed bylaws will be posted to web. The most important sections are on the organizational structure. Ballots will be mailed out and attached to documents. Changes must be approved by 2/3 of voting members. Vote expected the end of October.
 - *Until revisions are approved SEWMG needs to abide by the old rules. Section 3.1.2 on voting / non-voting membership classifications need to be followed.*
3. Finance Committee Report – Budget requests for projects/gardens need to be submitted by September 15. Budget meeting will be held on Saturday, November, 15.
 - *A quorum of those at the annual meeting must approve the budget.*
4. State Fair Update – Next year offer an activity for children, such as cards showing poison ivy, bugs, etc. Ask DNR to put UWEX on the stamp list.
5. 2007 Taxes – Ed requested a second filing extension; Bill will hire an auditor to complete SEWMG taxes.
6. SEWMG Picnic – August 27 at 6 pm; at Dousman Stagecoach Inn (Brookfield)

New Business:

1. Extension Moving – will be at 60th Street through September. SEWMG needs a convenient meeting place
2. Library – materials are out of date and sparsely used. Discussion tabled because this is an extension issue; the library was turned over to UWEX years ago.
3. Grant Committee – a \$300 request for Youth Garden (House in the Wood Camp & Retreat Center in Delavan) was approved. Youth projects do not need UW-EX review and approval.
4. Nominating Committee – President Elect, Secretary, 2 Directors and 3 members at large positions needed for 2009. John will establish committee; vote at Annual Meeting.
5. Garden Reviews – Bill will establish a committee to determine if we have enough MGVs to “man” all Extension approved activities and if garden plans meet UW-Ext requirements. Chairs from Garden Profiles will be contacted to determine if they have enough help; signage and labeling; educational component and if project represents SEWMG well. May consider establishing a “Garden of the Year.”
6. 2008 Conference – Huge success; met our objective of educating the public. 2/3 of attendees from Wisconsin.
7. MG Clothing – Contact Lee Ann Dukes with clothing ideas.
8. Plant Sale – Contact Patty Witt about fall digs. Plants will be trenched in at Eble and Will-O-Way Underwood.
9. Horticulture Agent's Report – Ann Wied suggested calling Hort Help Line office for information about Emerald Ash Borer because DNR telephone lines are flooded. Some

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tree services are recommending a prophylactic for favorite trees however the timing of treatment important and costs will be ongoing.

- GROW “Gardening Research Opportunity With (county)” projects in Waukesha and Milwaukee counties through urban Ag.
- Waukesha County Extension is working with the county on 2009 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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