

**SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2009**

Members Present: 19

Meeting was called to order by: President Bill Shaffer, at 9:35a.m.

Consumer Horticulture Agent: Report was given by Sharon Morrisey.

- a new fact sheet about Creeping Charlie was handed out.
- Post-emergence broadleaf herbicide was discussed as the proper treatment.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasures Report: was given by Treasurer Joy Trowell.

-Ed Kraus questioned the money in various accounts, when explained, report was accepted as read.

Old Business:

1. Extension office is moving- Sharon told us about the new location at 9501 Watertown Plank Road.

- computers will be down on 1/23.
- Thursday 1/29 is actual moving day.
- Sunday 1/18, MG's are invited to come and help pack boxes at the 60th location.
- Room reservations will automatically be switched to equivalent rooms in the new building.

2. General Training – 125 people

3. Bill, will be working on the plant sale again this year. Thursday 1/22 will be their first meeting. Bill also wants to set-up a youth garden program.

4. Volunteer Celebration – Sharon stated this was going to be held at New Berlin Library between 6-8pm on Feb.4.

5. Garden Support Committee – Bill will head up this committee, visiting each garden at least once each year. It has been discovered that some gardens need help with the proper signage and also some of these gardens are unkempt in appearance. Possibly we are trying to support too many gardens. (36)

6. Collaborative Meeting – 10 MG's attended from surrounding counties. Racine and Kenosha – used co-chairs for many committees, stating this worked out well.

-Marcia Zientek volunteered to chair these meetings in the future.

7. Audit/tax filing- Ed reported that this has been completed and filed and deposits are now being tracked.

New Business:

1. Bill will be heading up a scholarship committee, but not knowing what form these will take. Possibly he will know more by fall, forming this committee in spring/summer. John Kasel had some questions on what will this cover.

2. Home and Garden Show – Sharon stated that we will have a 10' x 20' booth.

3."Focus" meeting this winter is on "Gardening Greener" and also ecology on 1/21.

4. Youth Initiative - Bill and Ed will be talking to see what form this will be taking in the future – one thing that Ed stated was calling it "youth education".

Announcements and Calendar Review:

1. Clothing with MGV logo will be ordered when sufficient orders come in.

2. Judy Savage from the sunshine committee hasn't heard from anyone about members that need a little sunshine.

3. John Kasel suggested that more of the committee's have co-chairs.

4. Maria Susterich is stepping down as leader of the Ethic garden at the zoo. It is a lot of work so Nancy Hage, Susan MacGrath, Dawn D. Bubilz and Judith E. Honeck will fill her spot.

5. Sharon let us know of various volunteer opportunities coming up.

-Feb. 21, Habitat for Humanity ½ day workshop at Havenswood with children

-Feb.27, Plant Health Advisor Meeting

-March 28, 30 and April 1; pruning workshops

-April 18- Master Composter Training at Havenswood.

-“Green Smart” at UWM – April 15 and 27th for lawns

-Organic garden demo with Dennis Lukaszewski and micro farm/vegetable farm at Firefly Ranch.

-Advanced Diagnostic Training in July.

Adjourned: at 10:35am

Ed Kraus moved to adjourn, and it was seconded by John Hahn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Redlinger, SEWMG secretary