

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009

Meeting was called to order by: President Bill Shaffer at 9:35am.

Consumer Horticulture Agent: Bill presented gifts to:

1. Waukesha County UW-Ext.
2. Milwaukee County UW-Ext.
3. Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens.

These gifts were accepted by various people from these organizations. They all gave a description of what was done with last year's money. Bill presented the checks and a letter stating that this was from SEWMG for the year of 2009.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasures Report: report was given by treasurer, Joy Towell, with no objections, and it was filed for audit.

Old Business:

1. Sharon Morrissey gave a short report on the Mixer which is coming up 3/25. We need a coordinator for this program. It will be from 6:00-8:00, with the speaker at 7pm.
2. Garden Support Committee, which Bill will head up, needs a working committee formed.
3. Plant Sale: John Hahn stated that we have MGV bookmarks ready to hand out and that we should wait until April 1 to start wide spread local distribution. We were all reminded that the sale is May 16 this year.

New Business:

Home and Garden Show – Faouzi Kablaoui stated that we were still a few short in filling in all the time slots for working at the show. Sharon made an appeal for speakers for the show and she would like someone to help her make the display.

Announcements and Calendar Review:

1. 2/28 - Speakers workshop
2. 3/4 - "Focus mtg." – Gardening Greener
3. 3/12 - Open House at new Milwaukee Ext. office at 9501 Watertown Plank Road, 2:30 – 6:00, with speaker at 3:30.
4. 3/28 – Rotary Botanical Gardens
5. (3) Workshops on pruning will be offered the end of March and the beginning of April.

Others:

1. Nicole Jain Capizzi, Urban Agriculture Educator, announced that she would be conducting Micro-farms and Organic farming trainings. Dennis Lukaszewski, Urban Gardens Coordinator, will be assisting her.

2. Doris Fons would like to step down as program committee chair. Doris stated that she and Sharon Roy would continue the bus trips. This means leaving the chair position open for programming meetings.

3. Sharon M. reminded everyone **NOT** to use the List-serve to send out private messages to one MG.

4. Kathy Bosetti Reese questioned if we could have "MGV Emeritus" for some of our volunteers that have difficulty completing the necessary requirements each year. John Hahn stated that it was up to us to discuss it and decide it within ourselves. Janet Wintersberger questioned if we needed to make a by-laws change. Kathy Turner agreed with Janet. The Board will discuss this at their next mtg.

5. Judy Williamson wanted to know if all MG's are invited to various committee mtgs. and if so how do they find out when they are being held. It was decided to post all meetings on list-serve, by Judy.

6. Irwin Johnson announced that there will be a presentation on Emerald Ash Borer in Elm Grove on 4/21.

Adjourned:

Motion was moved and seconded to adjourn at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Redlinger, SEWMG secretary