

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
Date April 8, 2009

Members Present: 32

Meeting was called to order by: President Bill Shaffer at 9:30am.

Consumer Horticulture Agent: Sharon Morrissey began her report by thanking all the MG's that staffed the Home Show booth.

1. Pruning workshops had good attendance.
2. SEWMG was well represented at "Art in Bloom"
3. The County Fair of Milwaukee is setting up a board and MG's were invited to come and volunteer
4. We were reminded of upcoming garden workdays, these are now listed on the internet on the SEWMG calendar
5. Then, Sharon had a big plea - needing more volunteers at Gus's Garden - We already have permission to enlarge the size of the garden – not necessary to be there on Monday mornings, rather you can work on this project whenever it is convenient for you – This garden is located at Fox 6 studio, on Brown Deer and Green Bay Ave.- work out there could be very effective and give us on air publicity once a week--- Orientation for this project will be on Monday, April 13th from 5-6:30pm at the Garden
6. A new microphone will be hooked up in the main meeting room.

Prior Meeting Minutes : were accepted as posted

Treasurer's Report: given by Joy Towell, there were some discussions and Questions about the tax exempt number- this will be looked into by the finance committee. We are in the process of moving our bank account and money market to Waterstone Bank

Old Business:

1. Plant Sale- starts with digs next week and for the next 20 days non-stop. These digs will all be on the internet with maps to their location
2. Finance Committee- John Hahn stated that many people have asked just what does our insurance cover. Our Insurance Agent will be coming in today to discuss this with the finance committee

3. John Hahn also asked for some moneys to be allocated for:
\$150 for the State Convention Silent Auction, to be held in October, July
newsletter will have all the information and registration for this Conference
\$ 400 for summer funds

4. Home and Garden - Faouzi Kablaoui sent out his report to everyone on list-serve, but he thanked again all those volunteers that help make the show a success, the Rain garden and composter were a big hit. He also mentioned that he can get State Fair tickets for a reduced price now.

New Business:

1. Program Committee: Doris Fons reminded us of the upcoming programs
April 15 - 9 am Lee Summerville will talk on Garden History
May 20 - 9 am Laurie Weiss will give a presentation on Chocolate in our
gardens and how to use it.
May 27 - will be our annual trip to Jerry Nelson's home - watch for more
details

2. John Kastl asked if it was possible to have more consistency in the caring for the project gardens. He also stated that his Butterfly Habitat at the zoo was always open to the public and staffed on Saturdays.

3. Patty Witt announced that there would be a mentor Social tonight at 6:30pm

Announcements and Calendar Review:

1. Finance Committee will meet following this business meeting
2. Irvin Johnson announced that there was going to be a presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer at 7:00pm in the Elm Grove Village Hall on April 21
3. There is going to be a wine tasting at Hawks Nursery on April 23 we were informed by Joy Towell
4. Jan Alba alerted us to the fact, that there were daffodils available for project gardens
5. Carole Cmeyla requested that the MGs pay for the microphone for Sharon.
6. Eileen Rudnick reminded that everyone who uses the Garage at Eble to please clean up after themselves and remove all garbage

Adjourned: 10:45am

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Redlinger, SEWMG secretary