

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
Date July 8, 2009

Members Present: 32

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

Consumer Horticulture Agent:

1. Sharon Morrissey alerted all those present about the new Garden Fact Sheets on various Viburnum infestations.
2. A report on Gus's Garden, stating that the harvesting of vegetables was going well. They also have over 47 different types of herbs that will be featured on next week's show on Monday (Starting at 7am on ch.6). A new arbor is being built out of redwood, and will be added to the area to enlarge the Garden.
3. At the office, in the 4-H courtyard both a pizza and flower garden were constructed.
4. Dates to remember for future events:
 - State Fair work day – 7/9 – 4:30pm
 - Advance plant health update – 7/15 – 5:30pm
 - County Fair – 9/25-27
 - Fall Training – probably on Landscape, plants and lawns – 10/21
(4 sessions)
5. The Home and Garden Show (in March) has asked the SEWMG's if we would be willing to do the Featured Garden/Victory Garden at next's year's show. We have to come up with ideas on how to grow vegetables indoors in March.
6. Sharon also mentioned that the UW-extension office is going to be affected by the mandatory furloughs and new county budget.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Bill Shaffer requested that they be moved and seconded as posted.

Treasurer's Report: Was given by Joy Towell and it was accepted, and filed for audit.

Announcements :

1. Ed Krause said that the Underwood Garden is ready to plant. An e-mail will be sent out, with further information on transplanting your donations.
2. Bill Shaffer read a Thank You note from Gilda's Club. Thanking us for supporting their cause.
3. Summerfest also sent a thank you, for assisting them in their gardens.
4. A flyer on pot recycling from Boerner Botanical Gardens was also distributed to all those in attendance.

Old Business:

1. Finance Committee Report-
 - A) John Hahn announced that there would be a finance committee meeting following the business meeting today and anyone was welcome to attend.
 - B) A new area at Sharon Wilson Art Center was approved as a MG garden.
 - C) A motion was made to give Havenswood some more financial assistance.
2. State Fair report was given by Faouzi Kablaoui; he stated that all the sign-up slots were full! He requested additional help for the youth project.

New Business:

1. Garden Support Committee – Bill Shaffer announced that the meeting on 7/15 at 9:30 will address the proper signage and educational component of each of the approved MG gardens. This was followed by a discussion on some gardens not allowing signage and should we continue supporting them? Judy Savage, Ruth Marshall, John Kastl and Marcia Zientek were the most vocal in this discussion.
2. Janet Wintersberger stated that the MG's wanted to set-up a scholarship program and needed interested parties to assist in this new adventure.
3. Janet also reminded us all of the Annual Picnic coming up 8/26 at the Kneeland Walker House in Wauwatosa. An e-mail reminder will be sent out.
4. Doris Fons reminded us to sign up for the research center bus trip, which will be on 9/16.

Adjourned: at 10:40 am

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Redlinger, SEWMG secretary