

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date August 12, 2009

Members Present: 31

Meeting was called to order by: at 9:35a.m. By Vice – President elect Janet Wintersberger, in the absence of President Bill Shaffer.

Consumer Horticulture Agent: Sharon Morrissey gave us an update on Late Blight and the effects it has on the Wisconsin gardeners. This was followed by some discussion and concern that has been shown by the general public at our Fair Exhibit.

Prior Meeting Minutes: were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report: approved and seconded as read by Treasurer Joy Towell.

Old Business:

A. Finance Committee Report: was given by chair John Hahn. He requested and received approval from the members present for:

1. Increase funds for Menomonee Falls Community Hospital Healing Garden Project, for increased cost of signage and construction.
2. Budget for Havenswood Ethnic Garden which was inadvertently not submitted.
3. Increase in budget for Zoo Butterfly Garden due to unanticipated expenses.
4. Request for a new budget for a new garden project at The House in the Woods – Delevan. This is a one-time donation to help this project get under way under the guidance of MGV.
5. Increase in donation amount for Milwaukee County Fair, for more advertising and office supplies.

B. Garden Support Committee: A report and purpose of this committee was given by Eileen Rudnick. Eileen explained the necessity of this group, and invited anyone else who was interested in joining should come to the August 15, 9:30 am meeting. The committee is requesting each Garden Chair to come to a forum on Sept.15. Hopefully this group will simplify and make continuity in the gardens less of a hassle.

New Business:

Scholarship Committee Report: was given by Janet Wintersberger. The next meeting for this committee will be on Aug.18, at 9:00 am. This group will start to set some ground rules, and provide some criteria for being eligible for a scholarship in "horticulture" endeavors. They will be meeting every other Wednesday to meet a mid October budget deadline.

Announcements and Calendar Review:

A. Picnic: The annual picnic, sponsored by the MGV officers for all the members will be held on August 26, at the Kneeland Walker Gardens at 6:00pm. Please bring a chair and a dish to pass. Suggestions are last names starting with: A-F Appetizers, G-L Desserts, M-S Main Dishes and T-Z Salads. The address is 7406 Hillcrest Drive in Wauwatosa.

B. Pot Recycling: Sharon Morrissey stated that this was definitely a go! Patti Peltier at BBG will be in charge of this. They will take any size, color, or pot or tray from nursery stock.

C. Milwaukee County Fair: Sharon Morrissey also gave us a brief report on the Fair. She stated that 2 MGVs were on the board for planning this event. This will be the last weekend in September.

D. Budget Requests for the 2010 operating year were requested to be filed by mid-October by chair John Hahn.

E. Faouzi Kabuki stated that the State Fair was running smoothly and the children's "stamping passport" program is a big hit. Possibly a separate table or small area will be needed for this in the future.

F. Ed Krause announced that there would be a workday on Thursday, August 13, 1:30 pm at Shady Acres and meeting at 3:00pm at Underwood for heeling in the plants.

Concerns were expressed by several about our future at the State Fair. This discussion was tabled till more information can be obtained.

Adjourned: at 10:30am

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Redlinger, SEWMG secretary