

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes October 8, 2008

President Judy Williamson called the meeting to order.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Accepted without review.

Guest: Carolyn Johnson – UWEX

1. City Finance Committee is reviewing budget. MGVs in Milwaukee County are encouraged to contact finance committee members within the week to encourage inclusion of Hort Help Line.
2. UWEX lost its special use permit for the 60th Street location. It currently pays \$3 square foot. Market prices for space about \$10 square foot.
3. Move will occur in spring 2009.

Consumer Horticulture Agent Report

1. Proper planting of balled and burlapped materials. Research has found that compensatory pruning at planting not helpful. Should plant 1-2” higher than the ball. Remove the twine, wire basket and trim burlap. Remove soil from the top of the root ball.
2. Watering recommendations. Studies have been completed for new plant material. Recommend daily watering for first two weeks – 1-2 gallons per caliper inch. Every 2-3 days next couple months and finally weekly until established. (It takes 1-1/2 years per inch caliper to be established).
3. Milwaukee County Fair went well. 2009 location may change to Cream Puff Building.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report accepted with corrections noted.

Old Business:

Finance committee

2009 budget committee meeting on 10/21. Need to reformat cash flow.

Tax Filing

Marcia Zientek, Joy Towell, Bill Shafer and Ed Kraus will file taxes before November 15.

Audit Committee consists of members at large.

2007 will be internal audit

2008 will be external audit

By Law Committee

- 150 yes votes to date. Committee will begin calling mid-October.
- Will send a list serv reminder about the importance of voting.

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Library

- A motion was made and seconded to formally donate the library to the UW Extension-Milwaukee County. It was approved.

Garden Support Committee

- Goal is to visit each supported garden this year to determine if (a) SEWMG has enough volunteers, (b) if gardens are following the guidelines and (c) to inform coordinators that UWEX support is available.
- UWEX is changing its policy on Garden Project Profiles. Garden Reports are due December 31.

New Business

Request about mailing newsletter

- Some MGVs have said they prefer receiving the SEWMG by mail. Cost of printing and postage will be explored, along with membership survey results. In the meantime, SEWMG should remind MGVs that they have a choice of receiving the newsletter in hard-copy or electronic format.
- Suggestion made that the newsletter contain a summary of business meeting minutes.

Potentially Hosting MGV Garden Tours

- The Hort Center at BBG loses its funding in Dec '09. The cost of the hort center (salary and expenses) is about \$30,000 each year.
- One fundraising suggestion was hosting MGV garden tours; another was the pot recycling program.
- SEWMG may consider making a gift to UWEX for the hort center. A request should be submitted for 2010 budget year.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Wintersberger