

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes October 11, 2009

President Bill Shaffer called the meeting to order.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Accepted without review.

Consumer Horticulture report

1. Ann Wied stood in for Sharon Morrisey. The Waukesha County budget has been approved and funds for UW-EX were included. There was no increase in the extension's budget.
2. Ann thanked MGVS for providing support to her projects and to the project gardens.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was accepted.

A new tax-exempt certificate is available for use by project chairs.

MGVs can register their Pick n'Save reward cards to benefit SEWMG. Check the newsletter's last page for the number.

Announcements

- Project Gardens
Clean up completed at Zoo Butterfly Habitat; Eble. The Ronald McDonald house garden had 75 pumpkins in it. Clean up scheduled for Dousman Stagecoach Inn. The Polish Community Center garden is a newly approved project.

Invasive Species Team will work at Ten Chimneys on November 2

- Plant Sale Committee
More plants will be transported to Wil=O=Way Underwood for heeling in.
- SEWMG Directories – If you haven't picked yours up yet, please get it from the front desk.

Old Business:

Finance committee

2009 budget meeting on **10/21 at 7 pm**. Extension office in Milwaukee.

The proposed budget will be presented to MGVs On Saturday **November 21 at 9 am**. Membership will approve the budget at annual meeting **December 2**

Scholarship Committee

The MG Scholarship committee recommends that three levels of scholarships be established. A) MG in training, B) two year college students and the C) four year college students. Degree-seeking candidates would need to have a declared major in horticulture (or related field), completed some studies and

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have a good academic record. Preference would be given to Milwaukee and Waukesha county residents with a financial need.

Given approval by SEWMG, the committee hopes to offer scholarships in time for the January 2010 master gardeners in training, and for the 2010/2011 year for degree seeking candidates. The committee recommends that endowments be established for four colleges/universities in Wisconsin.

Garden Support Committee Open House

Thirty seven people attended the September 15 open house. Much information was shared among the committee members and project/garden chairs. Another open house is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 8. The meeting for MGVs and project chairs will replace the annual "mixer."

Nominating Committee

One position – a three year term - is open on the board. The job is to set policy and review budget. Contact Judy Williamson, Patty Witt or Sandy Manning if you are interested or have a nominee.

New Business

The Annual Meeting / Holiday Party is on **December 2** at the Wyndham Airport. The \$10 donation required with the reservation will be refunded (if you choose) or given to the Milwaukee or Waukesha County food pantries. A reservation form is in the newsletter.

Collaborative Meeting – November 7 (9:30am -Noon) at Milwaukee extension office. Each year, a meeting is held with other MG organization's board members and officers. Groups share their organization's successes and challenges. The exchange of information is valuable. The meeting is open to all MGVs.

Specialty Training

Begins **October 28** for four weeks. Dues must be paid and hours in.

State Convention

Several MGVs from Milwaukee & Waukesha attended.

State Fair Garden

Bill Shaffer talked with Andy Schmidt, the director of projects for Wisconsin State Fair. Schmidt can't conceive that the DNR would ask SEWMG to vacate property. Schmidt also suggested that another location would be available to our organization/UWEX.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Wintersberger