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Wild Ones of South Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom

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Attendance (B=Business Meeting, M=Membership Meeting)

Jane A. (B)	Jennifer K. (M)
Kristen A. (B)	Terry B. (M)
Nancy S. (B)	Jady C. (M)
Wendy S. (B)	Shawna R. (M)
Arlene T. (B)	Cindy H. (M)
Lorrie P. (B)	
Margaret N. (B)	
Cindy H. (B)	
Deb L. (B)	
Gay Elaine B. (B)	

BUSINESS MEETING 6:30pm

Minutes of September Meeting approved

Reports

- Treasurer – Margaret N.
 - No expenditures, gloves were ordered, but not charged for yet
 - Balance **\$3168.32**
 - Still pending check from Diakon from plant sale
- Membership Report- Lorrie Preston
 - Since the Sept. 26th meeting, we have added 4 new members to our chapter. Welcome to Katrina D., who was referred to us from another native plant group, and Elizabeth C., who was referred by Facebook. In addition, our last two complimentary memberships for 2024 have been accepted by the proposed recipients. We are happy to have Kevin K. and Laura E. join our chapter. Welcome!
 - This brings us to a total of 94 active memberships, which includes 6 group memberships, for a total of **100** members.
 - Members are encouraged to spread the word about our organization and invite a friend to come to the Seed Share on Nov. 10th.
 - We had one membership renewal this month.
 - Two memberships expired this month.



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Committee Reports:

- Field Trips: Jane Allis, Jane Earle – Review of Harrisburg Cemetery Tour
 - Members enjoyed trip - wonderful large trees, interesting tour (great local history)
- Community Outreach Report (Townships, Landscapers, Garden Centers, Developers): Heather A., Wendy S.
 - Jane S. was contacted for help with a new park in Spring Twp, Perry County, next to the high school. They want to turn 2 acres of park into native meadow and asked for recommendations. Provided recommendations. They will mow short, use seed drill and seed with native plants from Ernst seeds.
- Schools Outreach: Kerri T, Karen R – No report
- Table events: None
- Programs: Seed Share Event Update – **November 10th**. Camp Hill Giant Community Room. 1pm. (see calendar) Everything is set.
 - Please bring items to donate (gardening tools, books, etc.)
 - Use label for your seeds (see attachment). People taking seeds can take photo of labels for plant information.

Old Business:

1. Gloves fundraiser – gloves were ordered, hopefully here for Seed Share. Jane A. will follow up
2. Election - Nominating Committee. Call for nominees already went out. Close of nominations by November 8th. At least 5 days prior to the election (December 2nd), slate of electors will go out.
3. A Look at Calendar for 2025 – reviewed field trips/talks for 2025. See attached draft calendar for 2025.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:15 pm

Business Session Summary – see above

- Contacted by National WildOnes to support letter for Mid-Atlantic Regional Seed Bank (MARSB) seeking federal funds relating to Dept of Interior goal to develop fully functional supply chain of native plant materials
- National WildOnes has office in Wisconsin, 17 acres. Surrounded by major highways. Lorrie P. has toured and met staff. Lorrie will put together presentation of pictures. National has decided to sell off property and focus on supporting Chapters instead of managing acreage and building.



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Introduction Query of the Month: *What is your favorite time of year in your garden and why?*

Some answers from members:

- July – most beautiful; October/Fall – colors, birds for the seed heads; Spring – for spring ephemerals, new beginnings, hope, insects coming out, garden centers are full; Winter with snow cover – seed heads against the snow, little work to do; April – lots in bloom; Summer – so much in bloom, lots of butterflies
- Short video “What to Do with Your Leaves in Fall” Doug Tallamy
 - Leaves degrade quickly. Best not to chop up because can kill insects/critters
- Discussion of use of water in gardens – how much wildlife it brings in. Birds do not seem to like the water “wrigglers” in birdbaths; plants that re-seed themselves, sightings of monarchs
- December 9th, webinar on groundcovers
- **No November meeting. Elections and annual meeting on December 2nd, starting at 7pm.**

Attached: Minutes, 2024 Calendar Draft, Seed Share flier, Seed Label, 2025 Draft Calendar