

Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc.

Minutes

October 12, 2011

President **Marilyn McIntosh** called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m. Before meeting in garden groups, Kathy Steel stated that the Blossom Shop would not be able to deliver our spring flowers unless all of our orders were with them. We then met in garden groups to decide, among other things, which gardens would use the Blossom Shop and which would go independent. After reporting back to the club as a whole, it appears that some will use the Blossom Shop and some will be independent.

Roseann Kujawa has been in contact with **Ellsworth** concerning when the **dairy do** will be bagged and ready for pick up. They do not seem to know but would prefer that individual members not drop by to ask. Roseann will let us know when it is available. It is also recommended, according to the soil test results, that it be put down in the spring and the fall.

As our guest speaker was a no-show the business meeting resumed at 11:35 a.m.

Marilyn welcomed **Jeanette Schuch**, a founding member of the club. She also welcomed new members Kelly Mikolajczyk, Karen Stimmel and Laura Lee Mowrey.

Marilyn passed around **year books** from other garden clubs and our **publicity book** from 2010 which won first place in the Central Region.

Marilyn stated that two of the Keynote Speakers would be **Brad Morgan and Derek Woodruff** at the state convention. There will also be six workshops. Edelweiss Garden Club will be providing hostesses.

Membership chair Joan Collick reported that 44 members were present. Our total membership is 67: 9 life members and 58 active.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Cynthia Hilling reported that in the **treasury** we have \$5015.82; \$2450 is encumbered leaving an expendable amount of \$2065.82.

Marilyn thanked Roseann Kujawa, Marge Williamson, Rosy Moran, Cynthia Hilling for all that they have contributed to the club. They will be leaving their board positions.

Cynthia Hilling made a motion to change the process for **garden purchasing**:

Each garden may use the money allocated to it to purchase not only plants but also structural amendments such as hardscaping and mulch.

The motion was seconded by Mirja Hoeft. The motion passed

Tammy Fairchild reported that she has four gardens so far for next summer's **Garden Walk**. The **Fall Plant Exchange** received approximately \$100 in donations. There was a good turnout and the leftover plants were taken to the Energy Outlet.

Rosy Moran passed out order forms for **The Greens Sale** and passed around the sign-up sheet for working the day of the sale. **Pinecone** chair Carol Breed reminded us of the fun pine cone day on November 9th 9:30 at the Waters RV Center. Please bring **75** pine cones, clean and baked, a chair, gloves and pliers if desired.

Cynthia Hilling announced that **300** bows are made and ready to be fluffed by the fluffers on the day of the sale. She also announced that there will be a **Christmas Luncheon Committee** meeting on November 29th at the home of Nancy Valuet-10:00.

The Christmas Luncheon invitations were passed out. Those not receiving one at the meeting will receive one in the mail. Chef John Kaye will be preparing a divine lunch Michaywe Inn the Woods on December 14. Details will be in your invitation. Please bring a non-perishable (and not expired) food item for the Otsego County Food Pantry.

By law Article IX Section 1 previously read:

The fiscal year of the EGC shall be from the first day of January of each year through the last day , December 31st , of that year.

In order to be on the same calendar for dues and goals as Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., Cynthia Hilling made the following motion:

The fiscal year of the EGC shall be from the first day of June of each year through the last day of May of that year.

Sally Jarvis seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The following slate of officers for 2012 was passed by acclamation:

President-Joan Collick

1st vice president- Denise Matteini

2nd vice president- Lois Kalis and Sue Hegarty

Corresponding secretary- Marge Williamson

Treasurer-Karen Gurchiek

Director- Kathleen Normand

Marilyn McIntosh received a well-deserved round of applause!!

Carol Breed reminded us that as members of the Chamber of Commerce we can attend chamber events at a reduced price.

Sue Symkowiak read the **Thought for the Day**. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Karbowsky, Recording Secretary

