Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc. Annual Business Meeting April 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:33. **President Marilyn McIntosh**:

- Welcomed new members, Pam Greve and Sally Hall
- Passed around the Petoskey Garden Club yearbook
- Passed around the landscaping book that will be used for the class in September
- Thanked the greeters, Linda Reinhardt and Tammy Fairchild
- Thanked Pat Sitz for the table decorations
- Pointed out that copies of 2011 in Review are on the tables

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer Cynthia Hilling reported that we have \$6864.74. Of that \$5575 is encumbered leaving \$1289.74. She also said that she will take the books to Carol Breed to be audited.

Edelweiss Garden Club Car Stickers are available for \$4 from Cynthia Hilling.

Committee meetings were held for the next 15 minutes—or so.

The Blossom Shop Green House in Alba will be having a sale May 21-22. Part of the profits from these days will go toward Breast Cancer Research. Kathy Steel also reminded us that by showing our name tags we will get a 10% discount—anytime.

Membership chair Joan Collick announced that there were 44 members in attendance. The club has 60 active members and 10 life members. The deadline for \$15 dues is June 1.

Programs co-chair Roseann Kujawa announced that the day lily trip scheduled for June 15th has been canceled. We will still be going to the botanical gardens in Traverse City on August 24. Also, various ladies will be bringing their talents to the summer meetings under the pavilion at the Energy Outlet.

Corresponding Secretary Rosy Moran announced that Nancy Pike and Ann Kureth were doing well—as evidenced by their presence at the meeting. Mary Kosydar passed away and Rosy will be purchasing a book in her honor to be placed in the library. Finally—Rosy wished happy birthday to the April birthdays. Birthdays are listed by month in the yearbook.

Membership luncheon chair Paulie McCoy said that there would be a cut-off of 80 attendees. The luncheon will be held on May 11 at Michaywe in the Woods. The cost is \$17 and the deadline for reservations in May 5. There will be 12 local artists plus garden club members displaying their talents PLUS wonderful prizes for all.

Planting Day chair Joan Collick explained that there is a delay in ordering Morgan composting

products because the soil has not been tested in all of the gardens. After estimating the square footage of the gardens, Joan Collick <u>made a motion that the club spend approximately \$800 for garden enhancement</u>. Cynthia Hilling seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Flowers will be delivered on June 1 according to the following schedule:

Energy Outlet- 8:15 Rock and info ctr- 8:30 East and West Courthouse- 8:45 McCoy corner- 9:00 The Loon rest-stop- 9:30

Bring what you need (check the yearbook for suggestions). If there is a frost warning, garden chairs will make individual decisions.

Following the planting, there will be a Potluck at the Opal Lake Beach House (directions are in the yearbook). If your last name begins A-M, please bring a salad----M-Z, a dessert. Come when you are finished planting. Should you already have an oilcloth tablecloth, please bring that also.

Guardian Gals director Abby Hamilton told us about the organization. They would like to help us with one of the gardens at the Energy Outlet (woo hoo!!) Abby also told us about one of their projects called upcycling and encouraged us to check it out on their web site www.guardiangalsinc.org. Our club will be the featured guest at the one hour Coffee Pause held at Isabella's Copper Pot on Tues., May 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Scholarship co-chair Pam Karbowsky said that the deadline for submitting scholarships is May 1, and the committee will be meeting shortly thereafter to choose the recipients.

Habitat for Humanity's chair Linda Reinhart will be checking on the latest home to see if a garden is wanted by the owners. She will send an e-mail requesting plants if a garden is wanted.

The library showcase will be done by Ruth Doss and company in June.

Historian Sally Jarvis brought photo albums to be viewed.

The garden walk is a work in progress. Tammy Fairchild reported that the walk is July 13, there will be artists in the gardens and all club members will be given two tickets to sell.

The plant exchange is under control. It will be held under the pavilion downtown on June 11 from 9-12.

View my garden chair Dee Burau pointed out that this is a way to get to know members and get tips about gardening. The dates and directions are in the yearbook. Viewing begins at 11:00; bring a sack lunch, a drink and a folding chair. The garden for July 27, Margaret Albert, has been canceled. Dee also said that on the meeting days at the Energy outlet we should also bring a

lunch.

The web site is up and running. Nancy Valuet, web designer extraordinaire, thanked Dee Burau for her garden pictures and Cynthia Hilling for providing the tip of the month. Nancy continuously updates the site and has listed other sites available for information. For the Members Only section, the user name is egemember and the password is flowers4U. The map section is not yet completed.

Green Sale chair Rosy Moran reminded us that we each need to collect 75 red or white pine comes. If the cones have sap they must be baked (directions?? You guessed it—in the yearbook).

The vote— A vote was needed to solidify the following motion after one month's posting:

<u>A motion was made by Joan Collick to raise the dues for life members from \$5 to \$15 and Associate Member dues from \$15 to \$25.</u>

After some discussion about the difference between associate members, life members, active members and removal of the word *honorary* from life membership, *the vote passed*.

Silk flags were researched by Ruth Doss. Sun Country Embroidery will silk screen 12X18 inch flags for us. The total cost will be \$10 per flag. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

New Business- Rosy Moran will chair a committee to look into our club recognizing the efforts of Gaylord and Otsego County residents, businesses and institutions that beautify their streetscapes and gardens and/or other landscaping that can be enjoyed by anyone who walks or rides by.

A moment of silence for Mary Kosydar

Thought for the day was given by Roseann Kujawa

Adjournment at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Pam Karbowsky