

Edelweiss Garden Club
Business Meeting Minutes 1-12-2011

Our January program "Composting: Creating a Symphony in the Garden" began with an enlightening presentation by our guest speaker Brad Morgan of Morgan Composting. Mr. Morgan explained Dairy Doo, showed us an informative video, and then participated in a question and answer session. Brochures were distributed and members were invited to visit Morgan Composting in Sears, MI. The business meeting began at the conclusion of Mr. Morgan's presentation.

The business meeting opened with a "Welcome" to our guests from the club president, Marilyn McIntosh.

The November 11, 2010 business meeting minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Cynthia Hilling. After expenses of \$6,075.00 for 2010, we were left with a checking balance of \$1,245.54.

President's Remarks:

- ~ Regarding our Membership Luncheon and Garden Walk: we are partnering with the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts to showcase local artists as an added feature.
- ~ Today we partnered with Flowers by Josie, and showcased a beautiful floral arrangement which will be on display at the Otsego Co. Library along with our EGC brochures.
- ~ Today's greeters, Sue Symkowiak & Karen Gurchiek, were acknowledged.
- ~ Marge Williamson was thanked for today's table set-up. Members were seated with their garden committee; each table was appropriately marked with garden signs.
- ~ Acknowledgement was given to our "new" (purchased in 2009) portable EGC sign which was on display at the entrance of B.J.'s. This can/will be used at garden club events.
- ~ Reviewed list of future speakers for 2011.

1st Vice President (Membership) :

- ~ Joan Collick reported that we currently have 67 members and that we had greater attendance at meetings in 2010 than the year before. Our goal for 2011 is to increase membership.

2nd Vice President (Programs):

- ~ See President's Remarks

2nd Vice President (Hospitality):

- ~ See President's Remarks

Corresponding Secretary:

- ~ Rosy Moran recognized the following club members who are celebrating a birthday in January: Mirja Hoeft, Carol Breed, Sherry Shangle, Waverly Sprenger, Dee Burau, and Rosy Moran

(note: Mary Kosydar was inadvertently omitted from the January birthdays, and will be recognized at the February meeting.....sorry for the mix-up Mary ☺)

Greens Sale and "Deck the Halls":

~ Rosy Moran reported on a successful sale for 2010 with a profit of \$2986.57. She thanked the committee for an outstanding job, and gave a special "shout-out" to Dee Burau for stepping up as acting coordinator in Rosy's absence.
~ The Friendship Shelter was the recipient of the "Deck the Halls" greens for 2010 and were very honored. Lois Kalis was our delivery person and will retrieve our banner.

Pine Cone Chair:

~ Carol Breed thanked everyone for a job well done! (Ditto to you too, Carol ☺)

Ribbon Chair:

~ Thank you to Cynthia Hilling and the ribbon committee for another outstanding job!

Christmas Luncheon:

~ Dee Burau reported on another successful Christmas luncheon. With 52 members in attendance, we were charmed by the music of the Alpine Bells, delighted with a tasty lunch, and enjoyed an ornament exchange and poinsettia raffle. A good time was had by all!

Unfinished Business:

~ Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Landscape Design School will be held in Ludington in the Fall of 2011.

~ McCoy corner sign to include EGC logo; Cynthia Hilling has it under control.

~ Flower order forms need to be given to Joan Collick before the end of January.

New Business:

~ A motion to have the soil tested in our community gardens passed.

~ A motion to obtain information regarding the cost of Dairy Doo for our community gardens passed.

~ A motion to enforce the wearing of our name tags with a "loose change" fine; the monies to be used for a National Garden Clubs, Inc. or MI Garden Clubs, Inc. project passed.

~ A motion to obtain information regarding the cost to have uniform EGC signs made for 4 of our community gardens (Rock, McCoy, Energy Outlet, Airport) passed.

~ A motion to purchase 2 sheets of EGC car stickers for members to purchase passed.

~ A motion to obtain information regarding the cost of EGC logo garden flags for members to purchase passed.

~ 2011 Yearbook accoutrements were distributed for members to insert on their own. A seven hole punch was purchased for club use.

Adjournment:

~ The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm, followed by lunch.

Minutes submitted by Rosy Moran

Thought for the Day (as read by Rosy Moran):

“New Year’s Resolutions”

Mend a quarrel.
Search out a forgotten friend.
Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust.
Write a love letter.
Share a treasure.
Give a soft answer.
Encourage youth.
Manifest loyalty in a word or deed.

Keep a promise.
Find the time.
Forego a grudge.
Forgive an enemy.
Listen.
Apologize if you were wrong.
Try to understand.
Deride envy.
Examine your demands on others.
Think first of someone else.
Appreciate, be kind, be gentle.
Laugh a little more.

Deserve confidence.
Take up arms against malice.
Denounce complacency.
Express your gratitude.
Worship God.
Gladden the heart of a child.
Take pleasure in the beauty and the wonder of the earth.
Speak your love.
 Speak it again.
 Speak it again.
 Speak it still ONCE AGAIN.

~ Author unknown