

**Edelweiss Garden Club**  
**Minutes**  
**March 9, 2011**

President Marilyn McIntosh called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. at B.J.'s Restaurant.

**President Marilyn:**

- Sue Hegarty and Marge Williamson were thanked for being this month's Greeters.
- Cynthia Hilling was thanked for the Table Decorations in the St. Paddy's Day theme.
- Two new members were introduced: Janet Woityra and Terri Cwik and Guest: Pam Greve (Dee Bureau)
- It was announced that the Presentation by Plant Masters of Suttons Bay was cancelled due to the weather. Kathy Steel from The Blossom Shop was gracious enough to step in at the last minute to talk about their Spring Plants.

**Secretary:**

The February Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer – Cynthia Hilling**

We currently have a book balance of \$6913.80, \$5600 of that is encumbered for future expenditures, leaving a spendable balance of \$1313.80.

**Membership – Joan Collick**

Attendance was taken and there were 24 members and 3 guests present.

**2nd Vice President – Roseann Kujawa**

A thank-you was given to Kathy Steel for stepping in to give a presentation at such late notice.

There will be no speaker or program next month. It will be our Annual Spring Business Meeting

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Marge Williamson**

Pat Sitz will be handling table decorations for next month featuring some of her hand made crafts.

Reminder emails will be sent out to next month's greeters as well as to the "Thought for the Day" person. This information is also in the Yearbook.

**Corresponding Secretary – Rosy Moran**

Marilyn McIntosh gave information out for Rosy who was out of town.

The March birthdays were acknowledged.

A thank-you was sent to the Garden Club from Ruth McCoy for the Valentine Cards sent to her from the members.

The Membership Luncheon Invitations were sent out by email this week.

**Yearbook –**

Cynthia Hilling gave out new information to be added to the yearbooks.  
Marilyn McIntosh will send emails out with this information for those not there.

**Awards –**

Marilyn McIntosh sent in our Edelweiss Garden Club Binder Yearbook, our Newsletter, Publicity Book and Club of Distinction Award.  
We are in a larger group for yearbook competition, (71 Member total of dues paid to the State.)

**Name Tags –**

Lois Kalis reported only 50 cents was collected from those who forgot to wear their name tags last month. She feels this is a good thing because more members are remembering their tags.

**Scholarships –**

Cynthia Hilling said there were no applications turned in yet. She usually receives 10 or 11. They should be coming in soon.

**Membership Luncheon –**

Irene McCutcheon reported that the Committee had met and everyone has their part to do. The Luncheon will include area Artists and their work; it will be at Michaywe Inn the Woods Terrace Room on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The invitations have been emailed out. The price is \$17.00. If you need a hard copy invitation, call Marge Williamson. Tickets must be purchased by May 5th. Marge Williamson is in charge of tickets as well. All this information is included in the Invitation.

**Unfinished Business –**

There was a lengthy discussion on the two choices we have for testing the soil in our gardens. The two choices were to go with Brad Morgan of Morgan Composting (the Dairy Doo Products Man) at a cost of \$35.00 per garden for complete testing (microbial and organic matter count), or, have it tested through Michigan State for \$14.00. If we chose Michigan State we would have to gather our own samples and take them in. A motion was made by Cynthia Hilling to go with Michigan State testing. We would take one sample of each garden except for the Energy Outlet, where two would be taken. Motion was seconded by Joan Collick, voted on and passed.

**New Business**

- There was a discussion on an email received from a local Girl Scout Troop asking if they could get involved in planting or helping us in our gardens so they could earn their Earth Badge. The majority felt that it would be of much more benefit to Patricia Osburn of the Community Gardens to receive the extra help these young girls could provide. Marilyn will suggest this to them.

- Marilyn McIntosh reminded us that the 2012 State Convention, hosted by District V is being planned. It was noted that each Garden Club in the district is being asked to participate in some way at the March 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting at the Traverse City Visitor's Bureau. There was a list of committees attached to our schedule for the day that will need to be filled. Cynthia Hilling suggested our club might like to take on the Hostess/Greeters Committee. This will be discussed again but if we really would like to take on this job, we should put our request in early.
- A raise in dues for both Honorary Life Members and Associate Members was recommended. It was suggested that there be a raise to \$15.00 for Honorary Life Members to cover costs of Michigan and National Garden Clubs, Inc. dues, Yearbook printing and newsletter mailing costs. There was a discussion on this and a motion was made by Cynthia Hilling and seconded by Carol Brown, to raise the dues to \$15.00 from \$5.00. All were in favor, motion passed. (This will be a By-Laws change and is now being posted one month in advance and will be re-voted on.) Joan Collick made a motion that dues for Associate Members be raised to \$25.00, seconded by Marge Williamson. All were in favor, motion passed. (This, too, will have to be changed in the by-laws, is being posted one month in advance to be re-voted on.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Marge Williamson (for Pam Karbowsky)