

Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc.

Minutes June 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by president Marilyn McIntosh at 11:06 am. Marilyn welcomed nine new members to the club .

Motion to approve minutes from April meeting was made by Sue Symkowiak, seconded by Carol Brown. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Cynthia Hilling.

Books from the Garden Study School and a book about Landscaping were passed around for review.

Marilyn reminded everyone to wear name tags to meetings.

The Edelweiss Garden Club was well represented at the May 3 "Pause for a Cause" meeting. We received a \$25.00 donation.

Three \$750.00 scholarships will be awarded at the July meeting to Seniors in High School and college students.

The Edelweiss Garden Club logo has been updated by Nancy Valuet's daughter. There was discussion on embroidery vs screen printing and sweatshirts.

Tammy Fairchild reported on 6th grade students making succulent wreaths.

Joan Collick reported on Membership. There were 47 members present at the meeting. Directors were introduced and informed everyone about future activities for the summer.

Carol Breed reminded all about gathering pinecones for our Greens Sale in November.

Rosy Moran arranged with the library to purchase books on African Violets in memory of Mary Kosydar.

June birthdays were recognized.

Nancy Valuet reported that our website is up and running. www.Edelweissgardenclub.com

Denise Matteini asked for members to bring flower arrangements to the Art Show July 15 & 16 at the Methodist Church. She also informed us there were still openings that need to be filled by artists during the Garden Walk.

In July Florence Marshall will show the club how to make flower arrangements.

Marilyn thanked the Membership Committee on the excellent job they did with the Spring Luncheon and Denise Matteini for coordinating all the art displays and artists.

Linda Reinhardt reported that lots of plants were donated and planted at the current Habitat for Humanity house on Knoch Road.

Our "Plant Exchange" will take place on Saturday, June 11 9:00 - 12:00 on the Courthouse lawn by the Pavilion. Plants should be placed in plastic bags or pots labeled with the plant name and information (sun or shade). Also that day there will be a native plant sale at the Conservation Hothouse on Livingston Blvd.

June 2012 the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. convention will be held in Traverse City. It will be an Indian theme. More details later.

Joan Collick talked about the planting and maintenance of our gardens. She called for reports from each chair of the various gardens. Much discussion took place on plants that went bad and their replacement. A motion was made by Tammy Fairchild to establish an emergency fund of \$175.00 for this year only to cover cost of replacement. Motion seconded by Carol Brown. MOTION PASSED.

Extensive soil testing of our gardens was done and reported on. Most of our gardens are low on potassium.

Rose Gleason reported on the library showcase of Hummingbirds. It will be displayed until the end of June.

The first "View My Garden" will be June 22 at Sue Symkowiak's home, 6628 Woodcock Court, Gaylord.

Tammy Fairchild reported on the Garden Walk. Tickets are in the process of being distributed. She still needs seven workers for shifts. If paying for tickets by check, make payable to Edelweiss Garden Club.

Margaret Albert announced that Dale Smith was treating the Garden Club to lunch today at the Sugar Bowl as a thank you for our garden work in the Gaylord community. Discussion occurred on how to show our appreciation of Dale's generosity. A motion was made by Margaret Albert to send Dale a \$50.00 vase of flowers. Seconded by Mirja Hoeft. Vote 13 in favor, 19 against. More discussion.

An additional motion was made to give Dale 10 free tickets to the Garden Walk. MOTION PASSED. In addition, a letter of appreciation to Dale Smith will be sent to the Herald Times for publication.

Meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Sheaffer (substituting for Pam Karbowsky)