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"Keepers of the Earth" August 8, 2012

Before the meeting began members perused the crafts displayed by the talented among us. Beautiful!!!

President Joan Collick called the meeting to order at 11:08 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance Joan thanked the members who had brought crafts.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Joan stated that the on-line sign ups for committees is working well although there are still some committees that need chairs—The Garden Walk for example. And on that subject, she also asked that all of us be on the lookout for gardens for next year's walk.

Tammy Fairchild has some garden pictures and needs help identifying the garden owners. She also stated that she has received very positive thank yous from this year's homeowners.

The by- laws were sent to Ann Chastain who then sent them to the MSU parliamentarian for review. It was suggested that have more work to do.

Dee Burau passed around information on the **Master Gardeners' Fall Gardening Extravaganza** which will be held on September 22 from 9 to 3.

Membership Chair Denise Matteini reported that 31 members were present at both the June and July meetings. She still has name tags and book inserts to be retrieved by members.

Lois Kallis reminded members of the field trip on August 14 and also informed us that the September program will be flower arranging; bring flowers from your garden or maybe borrow some from a neighbor.

Sue Hegarty announced that La Senorita will be the restaurant of the month for September. Sign up at the meeting.

Treasurer-no report

Marge Williamson-no report

The August birthday ladies were serenaded.

The next **Plant Exchange** will be Saturday, September 29, from 9 to 12. Kidz on a Mission will

provide us with a canopy.

The Greens Sale chair, Pat Sitz, reminded us to collect pine cones. The directions for baking them is in the planner.

Deck the Halls— Sue Symkowiak *made a motion that we continue with the Deck the Halls project.* Sue Hegarty seconded the motion. After discussion the motion passed.

Diane Shelton *made a motion that we select a place from a list of four to deck for this year*. Sue Symkowiak seconded. Suggestions were United Way, The Sportsplex, The Post Office, The new Vets homes. Sue Hegarty *moved to table the motion until the next meeting and then to vote by ballot*. Dee Burau seconded. The motion passed.

Garden questions followed:

Hydrangeas- how to make them bloom. What colors grow in Northern MI.

Indoor plants- how to make them bloom

Rose bushes with yellow leaves on the bottom-try Beyer spray

Wildflower farms-locations

Flox-how do they grow. (Deer and hummingbirds love them)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

P.S. Joan recognized and thanked the ladies that work the Loon rest area.

Roseann Kujawa has fish fertilizer for our community gardens.

The next meeting will be September 12, 10:30 a.m., at the Sportsplex. Lunch to follow at La Senorita.

Respectfully Submitted, Pam Karbowsky Recording Secretary