

**Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc.**  
**Minutes**  
**January 11, 2012**

President Joan Collick called the Meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. The meeting was held at B.J.'s Restaurant. Opening Ceremonies included singing of the Edelweiss Song; welcoming of Garden Club Members; introduction of our Special Guest; and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Matt Barresi, Director of the Gaylord Regional Airport led us in the Pledge and then gave a short description of his duties as Director of the Airport. He thanked us for all the work we do in keeping the gardens of Gaylord, as well as those at the airport, in such good shape.

Joan Collick announced the sad news of the passing of our fellow gardener, Pearl Peurach. There was a minute of silence held by all in her memory. Anita Davison related that Pearl's family had asked that in lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the Edelweiss Garden Club Scholarship Fund in Pearl's memory.

Minutes from the October 12, 2011 Meeting were approved.

**2012 Reports of Officers and Directors:**

**Joan Collick, President:** Joan gave a big thanks and accolades to Jackie Skinner of the Otsego County Library for all the help she gave Joan and the other Board Members in putting the 2012 yearbook inserts together.

It was suggested by the President of the Michigan Garden Club that vegetables be included in some way in our gardens this year. Joan thought that maybe we could ask our Master Gardeners to give some input on this. The idea of this is to be a model for others to grow vegetables to be donated to Food Pantries.

Our Club Theme for 2012 is "Keepers of the Earth". Our goal this year will be to tend to our earth and have environmental awareness.

Membership recruitment is always a priority with us. Joan stressed how important it is to talk up our Club and what we do to anyone who will listen.

Joan thought it would be a good idea if we explored the possibility of "Geocaching" (treasure hunting the modern way) suggested by Sally Hall. It would be a great way for our community to get to know our gardens. Also, it would be an outstanding event for kids and a way to get schools involved.

**Denise Matteini, First Vice President (Membership):** Up to date inserts were handed out today for the 2012 yearbook. Reminder to sign up at each Meeting. Ask friends to join Garden Club. New members will be signed up at the Meetings on line. There will

be a lap-top computer for pulling up the application and filling it out. This info will be sent to the Members to be added to the Membership list in their yearbooks.

**Lois Kalis, Second Vice President (Programs/Field Trips)** Wear nametags to Meetings or pay a 50 cent fine; Speakers and trips are set up through June; Lois read them off. This info is also in the new yearbook handouts that everyone was given today.

**Susan Hegarty, Second Vice President** Sue will be handling the lunches at B.J's and encourages everyone to stay for lunch after the Meeting. She also announced that for some of our Field Trips we may be using an Otsego County Bus. They are available for a very reasonable price.

**Linda Reinhardt, Treasurer** Balance \$7279.32 New fiscal year – June to June. Working on budget. Audit needs to be done. Budget will be presented in March. Garden costs will need to be turned in. Linda will be making a bank deposit every two weeks.

**Marge Williamson, Corresponding Secretary** Asked everyone to make sure all their information (especially email addresses) were correct so that everyone would be receiving information that is sent out, including Newsletter, Minutes and meeting and trip information. Marge will be dealing with someone at the library to order a book in honor of Pearl.

**Directors: Karen Gurchiek, Kathleen Normand and Nancy Valuet**

**Karen** explained her task of keeping the Meeting on track. **Kathleen** thanked the Members for choosing her to be a Director and is looking forward to learning all she can about the Garden Club during her term. **Nancy** talked about the status of the Garden Club Website. It will be updated for our "Learning Session" in June.

**Question:** A question was brought up by RoseAnn Kujawa asking what becomes of the leftover funds from the previous year's garden budget if they are not all used. It was explained that they go back into the general fund. A lengthy discussion followed. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the upcoming Board Meeting and brought back to the next Meeting for resolution.

**Comment:** . Cynthia Hilling brought up the fact that if we plan to purchase our plants from the Blossom Shop we would need to let Kathy know by March what we are interested in so she can get the plants going.

**Special Committee Reports:**

**Greens Sale Report:** Carol Breed read a report from Rosy Moran on the Greens Sale. After expenses, there was a net profit of \$2,602.60. Rosy thanked all those who helped, especially Cynthia Hilling, Carol Breed, Jim Pike and her Committee. She announced that Pat Sitz and Pearl Kabacinski have graciously volunteered to co-chair the 2012 Greens Sale. Carol also thanked everyone for doing their share with the pine cones and reminded the members it's never too early to be gathering them for this year.

**Christmas Luncheon Report:** Cynthia Hilling reported that everything went smoothly. There were 51 guests. Only \$102.00 of the \$150.00 allotted was used on expenses. She thanked her Committee

**Unfinished Business – 2012 State Convention Update**

Marilyn McIntosh reminded us that our responsibility for the State Convention is to be in charge of having the Hostesses in place. Joan invited Marilyn to our next Board Meeting so she could explain to us just what our responsibilities entail. Marilyn gave a brief description of the Convention including time, date, speakers and workshops. She mentioned there would be a huge flower show. An invitation will be in the State Newsletter.

**Request:** Marilyn received a call from a person in Atlanta who is interested in starting a Garden Club in their area. She wondered if we would be interested in sponsoring a new club. Marilyn will be inviting them to one of our meetings so they can get a feel as to what's involved and we can decide then if our help is needed.

**New Business:**

We took 15 minutes to break into groups to give our ideas on what we would like to see happen in our Garden Club this year. Notes were taken and the ideas read to the membership. These ideas will be taken to and discussed at the Board Meeting.

**Program:**

As "Keepers of the Earth" , Lois Kalis invited Kelly Ignace to discuss Recycling. Kelly is an expert spokesperson from American Waste. She gave an interesting talk on Recycling; took questions from the floor and gave the members handouts.

Joan thanked Greeters, Marilyn McIntosh and Lois Kalis. She also thanked Rose Gleason for table decorations. A Garden Tip was given by Cynthia Hilling. Marge Williamson acknowledged the January Birthdays. Lois Kalis reminded members to bring a non-perishable food item (or two) to next month's meeting for the Food Pantry. .

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marge Williamson (for Pam Karbowsky)