

Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc.
Minutes
March 14, 2012

Following the singing of the Edelweiss song and the Pledge of Allegiance, President Joan Collick introduced our special guest, Grace Olson. Grace works at the Gaylord Alpine Workshop, as an Adult Activity Aid and with her degree in Music Therapy, has a great impact on those adults, emotionally and physically, who participate in her program. The adults at GAW enjoy concerts in Gaylord as well as Interlochen and entertainment at nearby casinos. They love the "sing-a-longs" planned for the group. Grace is also very committed to the community in a variety of ways. She is an excellent musician and plays in the community orchestra, teaches flute, plays for local musicals, and adds greatly to the music at Peace Lutheran Church, playing flute and hand bells. Grace's love of music and community is her way of "giving back". Grace played an Irish ditty on her flute, which was enjoyed by all.

President Joan Collick called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Our newest member, Linda Tatum, was introduced and welcomed.

Minutes from the February 8, 2012 meeting were approved.

2012 Reports of Officers and Directors

Joan Collick, President: Joan commented on the workshop on Robert's Rules that she attended. Discussion of ByLaws changes will be discussed today.

Denise Matteini, 1st Vice President: Denise wished a Happy Birthday to all the March birthdays. She reported that we had 34 in attendance at our February meeting. Those who have not already picked up their inserts for our books may do that today. Garden Club dues are \$15 and should be paid before May 31, 2012.

Lois Kalis, 2nd Vice President: Lois complimented everyone for remembering to wear name tags. We will not be going to the Dairy Doo farm. Instead, we will be visiting the Weather Station on May 16, 2012. We will meet in the north/east corner of the parking lot at Peace Lutheran Church at 9:00 a.m. and carpool from there. Everyone will need a picture ID to enter the weather station.

Sue Hegarty, 2nd Vice President: Sue has arranged some different options this year for our lunches at B.J.'s. This month we had the option of ordering Corned-Beef and Cabbage.

Linda Reinhardt, Treasurer: Linda reported a balance of \$7,293.30.

Cynthia Hilling, Scholarships, So far we have none.

May Membership Luncheon, will be held on May 2, 2012, at Michaywe, beginning at 11:30. The cost is \$18 and the theme is "**Fiesta**" or "**Cinco de Mayo**". Come in your most colorful outfits.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Cynthia Hilling and a second from Suzanne Stock to designate the \$300 from the memorial fund for Pearl Peurach to be used for a Pearl Peurach Scholarship Fund. This will be a one time only scholarship in Pearl's name. A book for the library will also be purchased in her name. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted.

Joan reported that many great names were submitted for our "name the newsletter" contest. A ballot vote will be taken on your favorite at the April meeting.

New Business:

Joan gave a report on the Robert Rules Meeting she attended and a discussion followed by making a distinction between ByLaws and Operating Procedures. We will adjust our Calendar year to begin in

June. Dates will change except for the election of officers. Cynthia Hilling made a motion to differentiate and revise the current ByLaws and create a separation between the ByLaws and Operating Procedures. Motion was amended to allow for different wording when necessary. Members of the board will begin the revision work. Revisions will be presented at the September Business Meeting.

Joan announced that we would **not** be involved in a request made by the Activities Director at Mc Reynold's Hall to work with the patients in plantings there. There were 2 other requests from the community for assistance. It is too difficult to meet all these needs. Joan will announce all requests. If anyone is interested they can follow up on their own.

Joan thanked everyone who helped with table decorations and as hostesses today. Suzanne Stock said the hostesses were the "best ever".

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Program:

Evelyn from **Flowers By Evelyn**, brought some beautiful Spring flowers and demonstrated how to make simple flower arrangements. Frogs and Flowers were provided to members and wonderful arrangements went home today.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pike - substitute secy.