

Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc.
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“Keepers of the Earth”
July 25, 2012

Prior to the start of the meeting, there was discussion as to the pros and cons of the choices for meeting venues: 1. Return to BJ's, 2. Sugar Bowl with off the menu choices and no charge for the room, 3. Sportsplex with catered lunches (no room charge), and 4. The hot item of the day, Sportsplex and out to the restaurant of the month. The voting commenced.

The official meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by **president** Joan Collick. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Marilyn McIntosh announced that the state garden club raised \$10,000 at the state conference and district V raised \$1000. The District V Fall Conference will be hosted by the Lake Shore Garden Club and will be held on October 3 at Crystal Mt Resort and Spa. Attendees need to be pre-registered by Sept 11; the cost is \$30. Check out the e-mail from Joan Collick for more details.

Minutes from the July 13 meeting were approved.

Joan thanked Rose Gleason for the beautiful tribute to Pearl Peurach on July 13th (more details are in the agenda for this meeting)

Joan thanked Karen Gurchiek and Kathleen Normand for their work on the **By Laws and Operational Procedures**. They are being fine-tuned.

Sign up on line for committees. Details are in the agenda.

Membership Chair Denise Matteini reported that there were 28 members at the June meeting. She has name tags and notebooks for new members and inserts for members who have not yet received theirs.

The meeting was recessed for **The Program**. John Burt, County Administrator for Downtown Development, spoke about the Courtyard Re-development. He handed out the Master Plan, explained it and answered questions.

Back to the meeting

Second vice president Lois Kallis asked for suggestions as to what to do with remaining garden club flags. It was suggested that they be used on the garden walk. She also suggested that we wear our name tags on field trips, speaking of which—the **next field trip** will be on August 15 to the Circle Herb Garden in East Jordan. One of the many items in the garden is edible flowers. YUM!! Car-poolers will meet at Peace Lutheran Church at 10:30; the tour begins at 11:00. Lunch will be in Boyne City at Café Sante'—double yum!!!

Treasurer Linda Reinhart reported that we have \$6368 in the treasury with two \$750 scholarships having been paid.

July birthdays were treated to the birthday song.

The Spring Plant Exchange earned \$17.80. As it was poorly attended, it was suggested that it be held at an earlier time. *Sue Symkowiak made a motion that the plant exchange be held on May 19 and September 29, amended to say the third Saturday in May and the fourth Saturday in September. Seconded by Kathy Hughes.* The motion passed.

Garden Walk Chair Tammy Fairchild thanked her committee for their hard work. The walk netted \$2152. Members sold 119 tickets, 12 were sold at the houses and 121 were sold at the businesses. \$95 was donated. Tammy said that help was needed from the members to find gardens for next year.

Planting Chair Roseann Kujawa reminded us that it is time to put down the second application of fertilizer. On August 2 there will be a seminar entitled “ Building Soil to Bust the Bugs.” It will be in Sears, MI. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch and dinner. Now THAT is a bargain. Call 231-734-2451 to register or for more information.

It was suggested to Roseann that we would save money if we bought the Dairy Doo in bulk and divided it up ourselves—and wouldn’t that be fun! *Linda Kirkpatrick made a motion that we stick with buying in bags. Sue Hegerty seconded.* The motion passed.!

The vote is in!! Our meetings will now be held at the Sportsplex at 10:30 followed by lunch at the restaurant of the month. Sue Hegerty will sort out the details.

There was a question as to how many committees an active member was required to be on. Joan stated that it is at least one committee plus helping with the greens sale and the gardens.

The August meeting will be on August 8 at the Loon rest area. Bring your lunch and a chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Karbowsky
Recording secretary