

Edelweiss Garden Club General Meeting

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October 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 A.M. by president Joan Collick. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "Edelweiss," Lois Kallis introduced the guest speaker, Suzanne Stock. Suzanne spoke to us about putting our gardens to sleep for the winter. She spoke on such topics as slugs, Canadian moss, nitrogen, the ability of squirrels to smell newly turned earth, steamed bone meal, mycorrhizae from Uncle Luke, cyclone rakes, slug eggs and so much more. She ended with the reading of, "Gardening God's Way." We love you Suzanne!!!

Next we huddled in our garden groups for 20 minutes of planning.

The minutes from September were approved. Joan shared magazine articles and a recipe for pumpkin cheesecake—yum!!. She passed out cards from Home Depot regarding their garden club. The committee sign-up and the garden committee sign-up sheets were passed around.

Membership chair: Denise reported that there were 28 members at the September meeting. Inserts for planners are still available as are phone directories. Caryl Irrer and Denise have been working on incentives to recruit new members. The goal is for five new members in 2014.

Vice presidents: Lois passed around a sign-up sheet for Friske's orchard. It was a delicious field trip!!

She also stated that the public entrance to the courthouse is looking rather yukky. We hope to add that to our courthouse gardens with pots of flowers. The city gives \$100 to us for the courthouse; Pat Sitz has applied for a \$700 grant from Treetops. Perhaps some of these monies could be used. Sue reminded us to bring our own hot water for tea.

Treasurer: Linda reported that we have \$5184.73 in our treasury.

Corresponding secretary: Caryl announced the October birthdays and then you know what happened!!

Greens Sale: Pat passed out order forms and the sign-up sheet for the day of the sale.

The Christmas Luncheon: Mirja announced that the luncheon will take place on December 11. Details and an invitation will be sent out in an e-mail. You may pay at the pine cone fun day in November.

The Plant Exchange: Although a rainy day, the exchange was a well organized success. Thank you Ann!!

Sue Symkowiak presented the slate of officers for 2014-2016:

President-Pam Karbowsky

Vice presidents- Sue Hegerty and Merrily Sterratt

Recording secretary- Ruth Doss

Treasurer-Linda Reinhardt

Director-Karen Gurchiek

Cynthia Hilling made a motion that the slate of officers be approved as read. Sue Hegerty seconded the motion, the motion was passed.

Dairy Doo: After some discussion of the product, *Caryl Irrer made a motion that we approve the funding necessary to continue the Dairy Doo enhancement program. Seconded by Cynthia Hilling. Motion passed.*

A shirt embroidered by New Century Signs was shown. You can buy your shirt there or bring in your own. Bumper stickers that say "ask me about my garden club" are also available.

Joan thanked Rose Gleason for the table decorations and Marilyn Crawford for being the greeter. The next meeting will be November 13 at 9:30. Remember to bring 75 pinecones!! The winner of Deck the Halls is the State Police Post. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Karbowsky

Recording secretary

