

# Edelweiss Garden Club General Meeting

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## September 11, 2013

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The meeting was called to order at 10:25. Mirja Hoeft introduced the VFW commander, John Facchinetti, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of God Bless America. We then had a moment of silence for 9/11. God bless the USA

The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

### Board meeting review:

- The newsletter will be issued four times a year as opposed to six times
- Karen Gurchiek has applied for a grant from the MI Garden Clubs, Inc. for our garden walk
- Caryl Irrer has designed and printed postcards for recognizing exceptional community gardens
- There will be a spot added to the jobs list for a newsletter editor
- The moon walk was great fun although difficult to see the moon for the trees
- Pam Karbowsky reported on logo choices available at Century Signs-there will be a sample next month

Joan Collick said that signing up for committees is still available on line, but be sure to tell her what you want to sign up for and she will be sure that your name is added. The sign up sheet was passed around. Next month we will be sitting by gardens to plan and discuss.

**First vice-president:** Denise reported 29 members at the August meeting. We have 49 members and 5 life members for a total of 54 members. Merrily Sterratt's name has been added and she has been mentored.

**Second vice-president:** Lois announced that in October Suzanne Stock will tell us how to winter our gardens. The field trip to the honey farm has been cancelled and instead we will journey to Friske's apple orchard where we will also have lunch. Those wishing to attend will meet at the NE corner(might want to bring a compass) of the Walmart parking lot on October 16 at 9:30.

The Kewadin art show will be at Pine Hills nursery on Sept. 28. Lois also passed out information about what to plant if you live on a lake.

Sue passed around a sign-up sheet for box lunches at the October meeting and a piggy bank for food pantry donations.

**The treasurer:** Linda reported a balance of \$5364.34. The audit of the books was held on July 22 with Karen Gurchiek, Betty Hartman, Mirja Hoeft and Jane Mead. Tequila was mentioned.

**The corresponding secretary:** September birthdays were announced and then came “the song.”

**The planting chair:** Roseanne announced that Dairy Doo is coming this month. The fall clean-up dates are Oct. 14-18.

**The plant exchange:** The exchange will/did take place on Sept 21 from 8:30 to 11:00. Note the date change from the club calendar.

**The Greens Sale:** Pat announced that the committee will be stuffing envelopes—the date TBA—and handing them out at the Oct. meeting. The sale will be held at the Sportsplex. The wiring of the pine cones will be at the Nov. 13 meeting at the Sportsplex. It was stated that Oct. is the best month for collecting pine cones. Remember—only fresh cones and none that are x-rated. Baking instructions are in “the book.”

**Postcards** for recognizing gardens in our community were passed out along with stamps if needed. Next month please bring a list of recipients of the cards.

**New business:** Suggestions for Deck the Halls were: The hospital, The Council of Arts, The State Police Post, Saturn Booksellers. We will vote at the Oct. meeting.

The board nominating committee report has been tabled until Oct.

**Other items:**

- Out of our mission statement came “The Alpine Garden Village” project. Pam Greve reported that there were so many more flowers downtown this year. We will drop the color theme and concentrate on creativity. The courthouse could use some planter boxes and some of the businesses could go to the second floor window boxes. This may cause a maintenance problem; perhaps a grant could be made available to help.
- There were several statements to the fact that our garden walk gardens were better than those in Traverse City, Alden, Charlevoix and no doubt many other places.
- Linda reported that the recycling in Gaylord has been a huge success. Enough power has been saved to run a TV for 729 years. Wowzie!!! And—batteries can be recycled at Auto Value on 27 South
- Joan reviewed the president’s report—going over what we do and do not do. She will look into the study group idea.
- United Way wants to know if we would like to contribute as we did in 2009.
- Shirley received a \$25 gift certificate to the Bearded Dogg for being the winner of our project naming contest. One martini please.
- Ann Kureth and Linda Tatum reported on the fabulous conference they attended on Mackinac Island

- Kathleen was thanked for being the official greeter
- Ruth announced that the library display is up and has actually had viewers. Who knew

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Karbowsky

Recording secretary