

Edelweiss Garden Club General Meeting July 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by President Joan Collick.

Minutes from June 12, 2013 were approved.

Joan Collick presented information from the latest Board Meeting regarding:

- 1) The Gaylord Downtown Project: It is going well. Many businesses are joining in with their flower boxes being filled with plants. Joan C. and Pam Greve started the Project by going to those businesses who already had flower boxes and explained our goal of eventually having all the downtown businesses participating in flower boxes on the front of their buildings being filled with yellow and purple flowers. Everyone seems to be very enthusiastic about this idea, including the Gaylord City Officials.

- 2) Garden Club Patches: Joann V. (a former member of the Garden Club) has offered to once again sew the Edelweiss Insignia Patches on whatever we would like to have customized, such as sweatshirts, tee shirts, hoodies, etc. The cost will be \$20.00. You can bring your shirt to the General Meeting and one of the gals who belongs to JoAnn's Sewing Group will take it to her and then return it as well.

Membership Chair: Denise Mattini reported that there were 35 Members at the June General Meeting. For the Garden Walk, Denise said that all the Artists are set as to which Garden they will be doing their work at. One dropped out due to an injury, so Denise will still be looking for a replacement during this last week before the Walk.

Tour Director: Lois Kallis reminded us of next month's outing which will be The Sturgeon River Preserve Moonlight Walk on August 20th. This is an evening walk from 8:00 to 10:30 PM. A story will be told as to how the "Sturgeon Moon" got it's name along with a viewing through a telescope of the moon. Lois will send a reminder on this along with directions and/or a place we can meet to carpool.

Next month's meeting will be at the Energy Outlet Gazebo (weather permitting). Caryl Irrer will give a demonstration on making cork markers, and other members will be bringing their Crafts for our "Art in the Park" day. (Viewing Crafts only)

Treasurer: Linda Reinhardt absent. No report.

Corresponding Secretary: Caryl Irrer read off the names of those members with July birthdays and the birthday song was sung to them. Caryl also mentioned that all the Publicity was out for the Garden Walk and she read a list of all the places announcements were placed.

Contest: Sue Hegarty was absent. Drawing for the winning name for our Downtown Project was postponed until next month.

RSVP: If you are a member of the RSVP Volunteer Program, the hours you spend working in the Garden Club may be included in your monthly report of volunteer hours.

Plant Exchange: Ann Kureth reported that all went well, but commented that there was hardly any garden art donated as promised. Also, since the last hour was very slow, it was recommended and decided upon that the Exchange would be one hour shorter. The total made was \$92.00 which was very good. The weather was perfect and the tent is definitely needed to draw attention to the Exchange. The leftover plants were given to the Habitant for Humanity Committee to use at this year's house. After they used what they needed, the rest of the plants were given to Parks and Rec Department. A big thank-you was given to the Plant Exchange Committee for a job well done.

View my Garden: Janet Woityra will be having the next View my Garden at her home on Wed. August 7th. Janet gave a description of some of the gardens she and her husband tend at their home. She invited all to come. We are to bring a folding chair and a bag lunch. Directions to her house in Michaywe were sent out to the Members.

Garden Walk: Tammy Fairchild gave a reminder of the Pre-Walk on Monday (July 15th) starting at the Bourdage Home on Manuka Lake. We are to bring our Flower signs. Other reminders (for the actual Walk) – wear flowered hat or blumenkratz and dress summer garden appropriate; check your working hours; ticket money due in today; Tammy also announced that there will be a drawing (at the Energy Outlet only) on two “shoe” moss gardens at a dollar a ticket. Kathleen Norman was happy to announce that all Greeter time slots were filled and Denise said the same about the artists. Marge said she might be asking for help with the Energy Outlet Gardens the Sunday before the Walk.

Library Display: Will occur in September.

New Business: Joan C. read a letter from Marilyn McIntosh suggesting that we might consider handing out awards around town for outstanding gardens followed up with a postcard showing our appreciation for their hard work in beautifying our community. Joan wanted pros and cons from the members about this idea. A discussion followed and the comments (which were mostly against taking on another project at this time) will be taken back to the Board Members to be decided upon. One of the ideas, of just sending a postcard to places with nice gardens (like homes, businesses, non-profit organizations) from the Garden Club thanking them for their help in making our community a nicer place to live, was liked by almost all the members.

New member info: Marge asked if information on the three new members could be sent out so we could update our yearbooks.

Next Meeting: August 14th at the Energy Outlet.

Submitted by Marge Williamson (For Pam Karbowsky)

