

Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 by President Joan Collick. She introduced our guest Donna Quandt, executive director for Habitat for Humanity, who led us in the pledge of allegiance and the Edelweiss song. Donna told us about the Restore and explained what Habitat for Humanity does. She informed us that there will be a woman's build at a job site near Johannesburg at Lewis Lake from May 4 to May 12. She was asking if a couple of members would be able to participate on May 4. There was information handed out.

President Joan informed us of a flower show in East Lansing from March 14 to 17 entitled "What's in your attic". On March 19 there will be a show in Dewitt entitled "Put it in a pot." Information was available for anyone interested.

Denise Matteini reported that 28 members attended the January meeting. Our total membership is 53 with 6 honorary. Sue Symkowiak asked if we still advertise in the Herald Times. We no longer do and no one was sure when we stopped.

President Joan informed us that Pam Greve, Dee Burau, and Lois Kalis will be working on a new logo for the club.

Lois Kalis reported on the upcoming programs. In March Georgia Maxwell will be presenting how to make a dry wreath. We will also make wine cork plant markers. On May 15, a tour of the American Waste Recycling Facility in Traverse City is planned and Lois asked everyone who is interested to sign up. In June we will go to the demonstration gardens in Gaylord to see art in the garden. In August plans are to visit the Sturgeon River Preserve and in October we will visit a honey farm.

For our March meeting we will have lunch in a box from Big Bear Deli for \$7.99.

Karen Gurchiek reported for Linda Reinhardt that we have a bank balance of \$7778.36 as of February 13.

Denise Matteini gave information for our membership luncheon. It will be on May 8 at 11:30 am at Treetops. Price and menu have not been settled on yet. The committee is checking on a fashion show.

The remainder of the meeting involved a discussion about the streetscape for downtown Gaylord. Pam Greve explained that a color scheme of purple and yellow was picked in place of a one kind of flower. Cynthia Hilling gave a report on the revamping plans for downtown Gaylord. Joan Collick reported that she has talked to Joe Duff and Ed, who orders the flowers for Gaylord, and they are on board with the color scheme. However, they already ordered flowers this year so they will join the plan next year. Joan suggested talking to shop keepers with window boxes and encourage them to use

purple and yellow. The meeting ended by each garden group discussing the plants they could use for the purple and yellow scheme.

Submitted by Roseann Kujawa