

**Edelweiss Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 10:36am by President Sue Hegarty. Minutes of previous meeting approved as written.

Report of Officers:

A. Garden Walk Chairperson (Karen Gurchiek)

2015 Garden Chair needed. Contact Sue Hegarty if interested. Karen Gurchiek will mentor. 9 garden possibilities available with 6 being selected. Garden Walk will be held from 1-6pm. More directional signage needed. Earned \$1,290. Pure Michigan advertisement will not be pursued in 2015.

B. President (Sue Hegarty)

RSVP - Members are encouraged to sign up with RSVP if they are not already members. This will allow them to submit their volunteer hours. As part of RSVP, the EGC can request volunteers to help with our activities.

MGC Convention (2015) Planning Meeting – Thursday, August 21, 2015 @ 12:00 Noon at the Odawa Casino. Members are encourage to attend. District 5 is hosting this convention and Marilyn McIntosh is being installed as President.

District 5 Meeting @ Little River Casino Resort in Manistee – Date of meeting is September 25,2014. Deadline for registrations is August 26th. By-laws allow 5 Board Members paid registration fee and fees for one car's transportation.

MCG Garden Study Courses: The information was reviewed from the yearbook.

Audit Committee: Dee Burau, Marlene Evert, Jane Mead have agreed to do the annual audit.

By-laws committee: Sue Symkoviak and Kathleen Norman joined Sue to review operational procedures. New operational changes will be provided to members in June/July 2015.

Recording Secretary – Caryl Irrer will fill in for Recording Secretary in August, September, October and December 2014 and May, 2015. Roseann Kujawa will fill in for Recording Secretary in November, January, February, March and April, 2015.

C. 1st VP's Report (Denise Matteini) – 25 members attended the July Meeting.

D. 1st VP's Report (Merrily Sterrett) – September 17 Light of Day sign up will extend through next meeting. Cost is \$20.

E. Treasurer's Report (Linda Kirkpatrick) – Balance in checking account is \$6,431.63. Both scholarships of \$750 each were paid out.

F. Corresponding Secretary (Caryl Irrer) – Birthdays were announced for Suzanne Stock, Pam Greve, Sue Hegarty, Rose Gleason, Marge Williamson, and Ruth McCoy. Happy Birthday was sung to those in attendance. Labels were distributed for Jane Wolschon and Betsey Mitchell for the Green Books.

Report of Committee Chairs

A. Plant Exchange Committee Chair (Ann Kureth) – A canopy is needed for the plant exchange and one is available for \$99. A motion was made by Ann Kureth to purchase the canopy, and was seconded by Denise Matteini. Motion passed.

- B. Green Sale Committee Chair (Pat Sitz)** – Prices for purchasing the wreaths are being reviewed by Pat. The contract has been signed with the Sportsplex. Pearl Kabacinski has agreed to collect the money for sales.
- C. Pine Cone Committee Chair (Dee Buraru)** – Reminder that 75 cones per person are needed. Red pine cones are falling now. Remember to bake any white pine cones. There are approximately 300 left from last year.
- D. Habitat For Humanity (Linda Kirkpatrick)** – Plants were planted in new house in Johannesburg in June. \$43 was spent for annuals, mulch and topsoil.
- E. Food Pantry (Sue Symkowiak)** – Bucket for Food Pantry donations was passed around. There is a Meijer match being conducted in September. Meijers matches 2 for 1, so a \$10 donation will result in \$30 given to the Food Pantry.

Announcements

- A. Denise Matteini** introduced **Lucy**, a potential new member.
- B. Joan Collick** announced that **Shirley Tankersley** has suffered a heart attack. She would appreciate cards. Mail them to her home at 3567 Tank Trail, Gaylord, MI 49735-8746.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15am and the tour of the Conservation District gardens commenced immediately following.