

**Edelweiss Garden Club, LLC Minutes**  
**University Center Room 107**  
**July 9, 2014**  
**10:30-11:50 pm**

**Attendance:** Refer to sign in sheet

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>I. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	All		FYI
<b>II. Approval of Minutes 6/9/2014</b>	Sue H.	Minutes approved with the following changes: Hanging baskets on Court House were part of a grant not donated.	FYI
<b>III. Report of Officers:</b>			
<b>A. President's Report</b>	Sue H.	MGC Garden School series for 2014 --- Sue has 18 applications available.  Letter from Joy Jacobs stating she is moving to Florida and will no longer be a member. She wished the club well for the future.  Email praising the Loon garden volunteers distributed last week. Ruth received a \$5.00 donation for flowers for the loon from an elderly man visiting the rest area.	Contact Sue for more info.  FYI  FYI
<b>B. 1st VP's Report</b>	Denise	7/19/2014 (10-4) Grayling Garden Walk.  June: 29 paid members. 10 artists are available for garden walk. Introduced Betsy Mitchell as a new member.	FYI  FYI  Welcome to Betsy
<b>C. 2nd VP's Report</b>	Merrly	The 8/13 EGC meeting will be at the Conservation Garden. A 'Guided Tour' will be given @ 1:00 pm. Watch for email re problem weather. Dee suggested using the Green House for the meeting if weather is not good. Check on time for meeting.  The 9/17 field trip will be to the Light of Day Organics. Fee of \$20.00 --- get money to Marilee by August 13 <sup>th</sup> .	Meeting will be @ noon, followed by the tour @ 1:00  Sign-up sheet passed --- let Marylee know if you plan to attend.
<b>D. Treasurer's Report</b>	Linda R (abs)	\$6,404.38 balance for this month. Michigan Garden Club dues paid.	
<b>E. Corresponding Secretary</b>	Carol	Birthday wishes to all members with July birthdays.	FYI
<b>F. Director's Report</b>	Linda K. (abs)	Sue Symkoviak distributed the donation basket for the Food Pantry. (\$61.00 collected.)	Sue to take money to the Food Pantry.

<p><b>4. Committee Reports</b></p>		<p><b>Awards:</b> no report</p> <p><b>Xmas Luncheon:</b> no report</p> <p><b>Garden Walk:</b> Pre-walk scheduled for Monday. Linda R. had a professional photographer who took 105 pictures. Herald Times reporter spoke with Karen about the Garden Walk. Signage and workers are all in place.</p> <p><b>Greens Sale:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Habitat for Humanity:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Historian/Photographer:</b> Betsy Mitchell, new member has offered to fill this position.</p> <p><b>Library:</b> Display has been taken down.</p> <p><b>Membership Luncheon:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Mentoring/Big Sister:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Nominations:</b> Marilyn to make calls.</p> <p><b>Plant Exchange:</b> Tent donated by Karen G.</p> <p><b>Plant Maintenance:</b> Sue S. reported on having Cross Roads assist with the Court House watering of the baskets, as well as, Energy Outlet assistance. Sue reported they are interested and will have a supervisor with the clients. The # of days are unknown and depends on how many clients are interested. Contact person is Doug. No pictures with clients without approval by Doug or the person supervising. More info to come.</p> <p><b>Publicity:</b></p> <p><b>Scholarship:</b></p> <p><b>View My Garden:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Yearbook:</b> N/A</p>	<p>All members asked to purchase/sell 2 tickets.</p> <p>FYI. Thanks Betsy!!</p> <p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p> <p>Sue S. will continue speaking with Doug and let members know the number of days Cross Roads will be able to assist.</p>
<p><b>V. New Business</b></p>		<p>Darlene reported that the 4H club requires community service for its members. This may be a way to introduce youth to gardening practices. The County Fair has a booth and EGC might be able to be represented. More at next meeting.</p>	<p>FYI</p>

		<p>Sue showed the 'Basket' to be filled for the next state meeting (June 15<sup>th</sup>). Committee to be formed to arrive at a theme and what needs to go into the basket.</p> <p>Sue asked for members to assist with the annual audit. No one came forth at this time.</p>	<p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p>
<p><b>Guest Speaker:</b> Dana Bensinger, Otsego County Community Foundation.</p>		<p>Enhancing "Quality of Life in Otsego County" is part of the Foundation's mission. Michigan leads the nation in the numbers of Community Foundations due to assistance of the Kellogg Foundation. Utilizing analogies taken from gardening she explained how endowments grow and are utilized. CF manages funds donated. Grants are awarded to not-for -profit (501c3) organizations. EGC plans to apply for a grant in January for maintenance of the Beautify Gaylord project. Dana suggested setting up a fund to receive donations to sustain the maintenance over time.</p>	<p>FYI</p>
<p><b>Meeting adjourned @ 11:50 am.</b></p> <p><b>Next meeting :</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by: Ruth Doss</b></p>		<p><b><u>8/13 /2014 @ the University Center @ 12:00 followed by a Guided Tour @ 1:00 pm.</u></b></p>	<p>All members watch for update on time &amp; place.</p>