

Edelweiss Garden Club

August 12, 2015

Meeting held at Sojourn Lake Resort

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President Sue Hegarty

The minutes of June 10 and July 8 were approved as written

President Sue reported the Director of Retired Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP) will be at a future meeting so we could register with them and our volunteer hours would be used by them for their program.

The District V fall meeting will be held Tuesday September 15 in Elk Rapids. The charge is \$28 and the deadline to register is August 30. A check for that amount should be sent to Linda Reinhardt by August 30 made out to EGC.

The next 4F's (Flowers, Food, Friends and Fun) will be August 26 at 11am at Sue Hegarty's home. Bring a chair and lunch.

There is a need of 2 volunteers for both the Nominating Committee (4 officer terms expire in 2016) and the Audit Committee (needs to be done by the end of the month). The Awards Committee also needs committee members. It will be dropped if no one steps forward.

The Garden Walk was discussed and suggestions made for improvements ie: publicize in The Marketplace and Weekly Choice papers, better direction signage to the homes, post signs around town publicizing a week before and bookmarks placed at business's around town. The Expense Report was passed out. The lack of membership participation especially at the homes was mentioned. Sue Smith has volunteered to be co chair with Betty Hartman in 2016.

Vice Presidents reports:

Denise Mattini reported there were 31 members at the July meeting and a need to recruited new members.

Merrily Sterrett has the programs set for the next quarter.

September 9 at the University Center gardening author Mary Agree will speak on Senior Gardeners. This is also the club ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

October 21 a trip to Petoskey and a "Naked Party" at Festinis Oils and Vinegars.

November is the annual Greens workshop with all members participating.

Treasurer report:

The bank balance is \$5398.24

We spent \$1000 more than was brought in this year. Expenses for this year were discussed and may have to be cut in 2016. The biggest expense is the gardens. They will submit a budget and receive what money is available.

Committee reports

John Paul Kole from St. Mary's school was the scholarship recipient this year.

The plant exchange will be September 19 from 9am to noon. Members are asked to participate. Plants, gently used tools and garden art are all accepted starting at 8:15 till 9:15am.

Roseann Kujawa and Joan Collick have the fertilizer ready to pass out.

Barbara Head has volunteered to help Pat Sitz with the Greens Sale this year.

Caryl Irrer has name stickers to update members books

August birthdays were celebrated

Asked that board evaluations be returned

It was announced we are welcome to wander the facilities and enjoy the gardens.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am

Submitted by

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Recording Secretary