

Edelweiss Garden Club

April 8, 2015

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Meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by President Sue Hegarty

After the Pledge of Allegiance a motion was made to accept the minutes of March 11 as written by Cynthia Hilling second by Sue Symkowiak following discussion and clarification of amended bylaw page 40 Article IV section 7, Motion approved as amended.

President report:

Gaylord Herald times will be printing a special section highlighting volunteerism. The cost for a 2x8 ad is \$98 and can contain whatever we wish. It was agreed that this would be a good way to publicize the club. Motion made by Cynthia Hilling second by Betty Hartman to place an ad. Motion approved. Sue will handle today.

NGC will be increasing their dues from .50 to \$1.00 in June 2016. Motion by Linda Reinhardt second by Barbara Head to increase our dues to \$16.00. Motion approved.

MGC convention registration is due by May 8. The convention is in Petoskey June 3-5. The charge is \$125 for 3 days, \$100 for Thursday only.

There is a Flower Show School scheduled for August 25-27 in Midland.

"Growing Green" luncheon sponsored by Rogers City garden club is April 11 for the charge of \$13. The information has been emailed to EGC membership.

Ideas for retaining and adding members will be a board project we are already doing at least 7 of the 19 suggestions in the MGC "Best Practice-Membership Increase and Retention Manual".

Discussion on problem of too many gardens not enough members. Joan Collick will contact John Bert to clarify what work on the courthouse area will involve. Discussion included having members from smaller gardens help in larger gardens, let people who would like to garden but not be members, A motion made by Cynthia Hilling second by Sue Symkowiak to eliminate the Red Cross garden, after the above discussion the motion was approved. A motion made by Betsy Mitchel second by Cynthia Hilling to revisit the number of people needed on each garden by the garden chairs. Motion approved. They will meet after this meeting. A motion made by Karen Gurchiek second by Linda Reinhardt to table until the June meeting.

The Chamber sign at McCoy corner needs renewing. Because of sun fading it is suggested it be black instead of green. Also needs updating where we meet. Arranged by Karen Gurchiek. Board Basics seminar attended by Karen Gerchiek. Linda Reinhardt and Sue Hegarty termed very profitable. The seminar explored 10 basic roles and responsibilities of an effective board. These 10 items will be emailed to members to be ranked and identify where the board should concentrate efforts. At the next meeting we will look at our mission statement.

We have rejoined the Chamber at a cost of \$175. As a result, our garden walk will appear in the Alpenfest flyer.

MGC needs hostesses and greeters for the convention. You would be required to register for the convention. Information has been sent by email

1st Vice President Denise Matteini the Tea invitations are being passed out. Mail \$15 checks to Denise. Dues of \$15 are to be paid to either Denise or Linda Reinhardt before the end of May.

2nd Vice President Merrily Sterrett has programs for the next quarter per bylaw revision March 11, 2015.

Recording Secretary Carol Brown no report.

Treasurer Linda Reinhardt reported our bank balance is \$6885.00. Checks to garden chairs are in their packets and will be handed out.

Women's Night Out May 15-16. From noon to 6pm at Treetops Resort. Charge of \$160 for both days.

Directors 3 attending meeting- no report

Plant date is same day as convention. Discussion: Move plant date to next week. Chairs of each garden will decide their plant date.

A motion made by Joan Collick second by Dianne Shelden that plant date will be Monday June 8. Motion approved after above discussion. In case of inclement weather individual chairs will decide. Remember supplies.

A motion made by Joan Collick second by Sue Symkowiak to have a kickoff breakfast at an area restaraunt Monday June 8. Motion approved after discussion.. Further information by email.

Garden Walk- Betty Hartman-have 6 gardens, 3 by Otsego Lake, 3 near golf course. Need a person to be a chair of 1 garden. A meeting will be called. Tickets will be sold at Saturn Booksellers, Family Fare and Spud Warehouse. Title of walk is "Walk in the Garden" and cost is \$8.00.

Convention table favors- Dee Burau- all 300 sun catchers are done and ready to go.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Jeannie Fremouth talked about a seminar. She will email flyer.

Submitted by

Carol Brown