

Edelweiss Garden Club
June 10, 2015
University Center

Twenty-two members were in attendance for a presentation by Terry Pepper, from the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, which focused on the Wogeshawn Point Lighthouse in the Straits of Mackinaw.

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the report of officers began with the President's report:

- The MGC convention was held at Odawa Convention Center.
- Save the dates for other clubs' events were distributed in an e-mail sent out June 9.
- Posters and flyers were visible in the meeting room relating to various garden walks and other events.
- If anyone is not receiving "Thru The Garden Gate" publication, please notify Sue Hegarty.
- MGC dues increased by 50 cents, but for our members has already been covered by the \$1 increase in dues implement this year.
- Awards Committee members are needed, so if interested, contact Sue Hegarty. A monetary reward is attached to some rewards distributed by MGC.
- Two "Flowers, Fun, Friends and Food" events will be held this summer. Denise Matteini will open her gardens July 29 and Sue Hegarty on August 26. The idea is to gather once a month to confer, collaborate and collect garden practices and plants. More information will be forthcoming, but plan ahead for the dates and get your chair sack and sack lunch ideas ready!
- Brochures are done and if anyone needs one for their car, purse, or whatever, contact Sue Hegarty.
- Recipe for natural weed and grass killer, called "Ep Vin Blue" was distributed at the meeting.
- We are invited to the Beta Sigma Phi Tea on Saturday, September 16 at noon with a location to be announced.
- An ad hoc committee for grant writing was set-up to offset the cost of annuals. Joan Collick and Pam Greve will be the members of that committee and may seek help from others. Please support them.
- An analysis of the EGC board rating survey was done by Caryl Irrer and several suggestions were made for future meeting topics. Caryl will pass those on to Merrily Sterrett. They included: what to look for when buying plants related to the toxicity of chemicals used to purchase them, and more on butterfly/bee issues. If anyone has other suggestions, contact Merrily Sterrett. Also, those interested in serving on the board or in an officer capacity, please contact Sue Hegarty, or any current board member.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$5,394 in the account.

Membership Tea – if anyone took pictures, please send them via e-mail to Betsey Mitchell.

Garden Walk – Ticket prices are \$8 each and the club needs each member to sell 2 tickets in order to meet the obligations of our gardens.

Airport Garden is ready for the Airshow this month. The playground at the Sportsplex needs help with weeding, so whenever anyone is there take a few moments to pull some weeds. Thursday morning, June 18 from 9am – 11am will be an opportunity for gardeners to help with the clean-up.

Ann Kureth, Plant Exchange Chairperson, received feedback that holding the Exchange the following week in June may be better since this one was before our garden clean-ups. Also, if it started later in the day it might be more well attended. Publicity was lacking.

New Business

Contact Sue Hegarty for changes to the yearbook. Sue will be putting together one document to hand out at a future meeting with all of the changes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Submitted by
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