Edelweiss Garden Club February 10, 2016 North Star Nursery

Those members in attendance were treated to a presentation on "Resources for Beneficial Insects – Native Plantings" by Patricia Osborne.

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by President Sue Hegarty After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion was made by Denise Matteini, and seconded by Sue Symkowiak to approve the minutes of November 11, 2015.

The report of officers began with the President's report:

- Dee Burau and Jeanne Freymuth will be hostesses for the February meeting, Roseann Kujawa and Denise Young for March, and Betty Hartmann and Darlene Widger for April.
- Proposed bylaw changes were reviewed and approval proceeded until getting to the final bylaw changes related to the issue of what constitutes a quorum. At that time, it was realized that there was not a quorum present to make any bylaw changes at this time. The discussion and vote on any changes was tabled until a quorum is present.

As the only February birthday person still present, Dee Burau's birthday was celebrated with a rousing version of "Happy Birthday".

The balance in the checking account, as reported by Linda Reinhardt, is \$7,191.12.

Sue Symkowiak reported that \$23 was collected for the Food Pantry.

Sue Symkowiak reported that the Christmas luncheon, held in December 2015 that was held at the Otsego Event Center was a success. In addition \$526 was collected for the Refuge.

Sue Smith reported that the 2016 Garden Walk would be held at 6 gardens. A sign-up sheet was distributed and members were reminded that participation in the Garden Walk is a requirement of membership. Save the Dates will be distributed to the Master Gardener group.

Pat Sitz reported that only 22 members were buyers of the wreaths and garlands, and a discussion followed about how to get more support from our own membership. It was suggested that we may need to find additional ways to fund our community support. More discussion on that topic will be held at a later date. Anyone with fund raising ideas is asked to contact a board member.

The May membership luncheon will again be held at the Waters Hall, with the theme of an indoor picnic. Thank you to the committee with no chair.

The meeting ended with a discussion about members that do not participate. The board will review options to encourage participation. Those present agreed that we want to belong to a group that enjoys working together.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Submitted by Caryl Irrer