

## **Miller Garden Club Minutes of the June 2010 Meeting**

President Jack Tonk called the meeting to order at 10:12 am on Saturday, June 19, 2010.

The May meeting was the annual plant sale, for which there were no minutes. The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as mailed.

Ruth Best presented the treasurer's report, which showed \$5,504.59 in our bank account and \$5,130.87 in Certificate of Deposit for a total of \$10,635.46. The report was accepted as presented.

### **Project reports**

#### **Plant Sale – Laura Demchuk reporting**

Thanks were extended to all plant donors and pricers. The only complaint was for unusable and therefore unsalable "tschatskys". For next year, the rule will be: if you wouldn't buy it, don't bring it.

The club sold enough rain barrels and composters (20 units) to qualify for free delivery. All the barrels were delivered to buyers by 11:00 am. The club made a profit of \$459 on the sales.

#### **Garden Walk – Linda Kennedy reporting**

The 2010 Garden Walk will be held the weekend of July 17 and 18, when 6 gardens will be on display. Tickets will be \$8, and lunches from the Miller Bakery Café will be available for \$10 each.

Gardening Angels and docents are still needed, as well as workers to sell lunches, accompany the buses, and substitute as substitutes at the gardens, if needed.

Jennifer Gerber has some members signed up as "Gardening Angels", but she can use more volunteers. The Angels will assemble at 8:30 am on Friday, July 16, to help weed and neaten the gardens on display.

Beth Urban circulated a sign-up sheet for members who plan to attend and bring dishes to the "Thank God It's Over" pot luck. She noted that there is a limit to how many people the Aquatorium meeting room can hold, please let her know if you are coming.

Posters advertising the garden walk were passed out for members to distribute throughout the Region.

Ruth Best is ready to distribute tickets to club members as requested.

#### **Brats and bulbs – Bernie Bonk reporting**

Bernie is preparing orders for the bulbs to be sold this fall, and is open to suggestions concerning which bulbs to buy and to accept special orders.

#### **Welcome signs**

Jack noted that we have finally obtained all the necessary permits from the city for the three signs we plan to install, BUT the site at County Line and Indian Boundary needs to be cleared before the signs can be installed.

**Flowers for Lake Street, etc.**

The MCC has received an offer of free flowers—about 100 flats--from a nursery in Grant Park, Illinois, which we can use to fill planters around Miller. Volunteers with trucks or vans are needed on Monday, June 21, to pick up plants from the nursery. They will meet at the Aquatorium at 8:00 am and move out from there. Subsequently, workers will be needed to put the plants into the ground. The Miller Business Association (MBA) has agreed to provide mulch for the planters on Lake Street.

**New business**

Karen Crane announced that Garden Walk T-shirts can be obtained for \$18 each, if there is enough demand. She took orders for shirts from the members present.

**Announcements**

-----Marty Bohn needs items for the Garden Club newsletter at least ten days before each meeting.

-----Beth Urban announced that June 29 is Miller Night at the Railcats game, and Garden Club members are encouraged to attend.

-----Some plants have been stolen from the planters on Lake Street!

-----Rachel Weiss reported that Temple Israel has one plot left to rent out in their community garden.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am. There was no special program this month.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Eaton  
Secretary  
Miller Garden Club