

Miller Garden Club Minutes of the August 21, 2010 Meeting

President Jack Tonk called the meeting to order at 10:12 am on Saturday, August 21, 2010.

The minutes for the June meeting were accepted as presented, except for correcting the spelling of Laura Demchuck's name.

Ruth Best presented the treasurer's report, which showed \$6,302.65 in the bank account and \$5,130.87 in Certificate of Deposit for a total of \$1,433.52. The report was accepted as presented.

Project reports

Garden Walk

Judy Ayers reported that a follow-up meeting has been held and suggestions recorded for improving the garden walk in 2011.

Jack Tonk reported that the "Welcome to Miller" signs are paid for and installed. He sees a need to "enhance" the signs on Old Hobart Road and County Line Road, with some plantings. Pete Riffle will make suggestions. Tonk noted that the sign at Old Hobart Road is surrounded by a patch of prickly cactus.

The Lake Street planters have been filled with tons of flowers from DeVries nursery which many garden club members helped to plant. Watering the plants is a challenge, and Karen Crane is looking for bids on installing irrigation pipes.

The annual Bulbs and Brats event is coming up on October 16. The Oxcart Ramblers will once again provide music. Bernie Bonk needs help with cooking and service brats. Afterward, club members will have to plant leftover bulbs, and Bernie is looking for suggestions as to where they should be placed.

Jack Tonk suggested that the Garden Club website could have a section to identify garden club members with expertise in various areas related to gardening. Volunteers are needed to answer questions.

There was no old business.

Sue Rutsen announced that the club is looking for officers and board members, with many positions to fill.

Bernie Bonk has soil testing instructions to pass out.

Sandy Appleby invited club members to brunch at her place on September 4 or 11, in conjunction with raspberry picking. The specific date will be announced later.

Sandy Appleby and Ted Prettyman had posters to hand out concerning a "Healing Ceremony" on September 14, conducted by the Lakeshore Area Regional Recovery of Indiana (LARRI), which has been working on flood relief for victims of the 2008 flooding in Northwest Indiana. Volunteers from all over the country have participated, except from Gary.

The garden club meeting ended at this point.

The guest presenter was Karen Jensen, who gave a hands-on demonstration of the Feldenkreis exercise system, which might be helpful for gardeners suffering from aches and pains.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Eaton
Secretary
Miller Garden Club