

Minutes of the Miller Garden Club Meeting, March 19, 2011

President Karin Crane called the meeting to order. There were no minutes from the previous meeting and no treasurer's report. A Meeting & Events Schedule 2011 was distributed.

Reports were given on the events for the year:

The Garden Club has a table at the Pond Show at the Lake County fairgrounds, April 30-May 1. Members who can help should let Karin know.

Workday # 1 will be May 7, 9 a.m.-noon. The project will be Rosemary's day lilies.

The Plant Sale will be May 21 at the Aquatorium. Members should bring plants and garden related items to the Aquatorium on May 20 at a time to be announced. Laura Demchuck said the sale will include rain barrels, composting barrels and birdhouses, and the usual baked goods.

Workday # 2 will be June 4, mulching at sites maintained by the Garden Club.

The Garden Walk will be July 9-10. The theme is "Floral & Hardy" and Tonya's in Chesterton will provide lunches. Judy Ayers and Linda Kennedy said that finding gardens for the walk this year has been very difficult. Members will be asked to sign up to volunteer at future meetings.

The 2011 community gardening projects were discussed. The Aquatorium garden maintenance will continue; there will be a plan for what to do with what's already there, to include native plants in the future and to participate in a plant divide at Lurie Gardens. There will be a clean up at the South Shore Station soon; the garden there has been expanded across the street. The Library garden is brand new and coming along. The Lake Street planters are a huge undertaking; we are still working on how to supply water to them and more drought resistant plants will be added. The Fire Station on Grand is a new project; the firemen have asked for help. Susan Binkley will again be employed by the Garden Club to help with maintenance. Bill Miller has volunteered to contribute garden design ideas.

The 2011 general meetings calendar was distributed; there will be no meeting in November. Sandy Appleby has volunteered to work on archiving and scrapbooks. Marty Bohn will create a Garden Club Facebook page. Vice President Corya Channing reported that she is working on speakers; possible subjects are butterflies, planting, floral arrangements. Marty Bohn will be doing the newsletter.

It was announced that in place of a meeting in August, an outing to Friendship Gardens in Michigan City is planned. More details will follow. Jack Tonk will be updating and maintaining the website. This year will mark the 100th anniversary of the Old Town Hall.

Lee Botts thanked Judy Ayers for bringing treats for meetings and suggested that two people each time volunteer to contribute treats for future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned. Corya Channing introduced the speakers. Club member Vincent ---- --presented a short comedy routine, and Jason Sasak spoke on cold frames.