

## **Miller Garden Club Meeting April 16, 2011**

The president, Karin Crane called the meeting to order.

The minutes were approved as written. In the future print copies of the minutes will not be available at the meetings. Minutes are sent by e-mail to all members in the newsletter.

A full treasurer's report will be available next meeting. Currently the treasury includes \$5,642.4 in cash and a CD valued at \$5,130.87

**Pond Show ... April 30, and May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Bernie Bonk and Karin Crane will be setting up. They asked for volunteers to help during the show Saturday and Sunday. Joanne Stratton will work Saturday morning. The show is from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Crown Point Indiana.

**Workday on May 7, 2011.** There is a meeting with the owner of Rosemary's lilies today to clarify the work that will be done on May 7th. In addition to the work on the day lilies there will be work at the South Shore garden and Woodson Library.

**Plant Sale on May 21, 2011 9:00 to noon.** Laura Demchuck gave a report. The Aquatorium will be open at 5:00 Friday, May 20th for people to bring plants and garden items for pricing. Laura asked for volunteers to assist with the setup and sale. Information regarding the rain barrels and composters was circulated. She asked that people price items before bringing them to the sale. There will again be a bake sale. Judy Ayers and Pat Pelke will be responsible. Set up begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. Jack Tonk has stickers and pens and did not think more would be needed. Volunteers are needed for helping with the rain barrel delivery on June 4th. Money is paid on May 21<sup>st</sup> when the barrels are ordered. She asked that the sale be advertised as a Plant and Rain Barrel Sale.

**Garden Walk:** Kim Swift from the Douglas Center has offered to be part of the garden walk this year. Judy Ayers will be following up with her. Volunteers for Garden Angels and Garden Walk Docents are needed. Sign up sheets were available to members present.

**Web Site:** Jack is setting up the new web site.

**Budget:** The budget is in process. Information about the cost of irrigating the Lake Street planters needs to be gathered before the budget can be completed.

### **Announcements:**

Garden club member, Sandy Appleby received the Community Partner of the Year Award at the Region 1 NASW honors luncheon. Sandy has also donated 4 rain barrels to the Garden Club.

Two will be placed at the Aquatorium and two will be given to Jason Sasak in exchange for cold frames he is making for the club.

The National Park Service is celebrating National Park Day April 30<sup>th</sup> 11-3 at Marquette Park and the Douglas Center.

The MCC Shoreline Committee is holding a public meeting on Thursday April 21st at 6:00 at the Woodson Library. The final Marquette Park Restoration plan will be available. There will be opportunities to ask question.

Chesterton Weed and Feed is having a 20% off sale. The sale ends tomorrow

Old Town Hall is having a 100 year celebration on April 30 from 1 to 3:00 in the afternoon.

Garden Club member Bill Miller invited members to come see his garden at 8400 Forrest.

Laura invited members to come see her spring garden and her rain barrels at 7007 Forrest.

Lee Botts yard is also blooming.

The meeting was adjourned

Corya introduced Restoration Coordinator for the Nature Conservancy, John Henry Drake. He spoke about his work with the endangered Karner blue butterfly.