

**Miller Garden Club
Meeting, September 17, 2011
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Karin Crane; 17 members were in attendance. The minutes from the June meeting were accepted as submitted. The treasurer's report (showing that the club broke even for the year) was accepted as submitted.

Brats & Bulbs: Bernie Bonk sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. She ordered around 35 different bulbs, with much allium. Music will be provided by the same band minus the fiddler; taffy apples will be added.

Work Day, October 22: bulbs left over from the sale will be planted.

Publicity Committee (Joanne Stratton and Corya Channing): a news release about Brats & Bulbs was sent out. The committee is working on a cohesive list of publications to contact. Pat Colander, Shore magazine, has indicated interest in a feature on the Garden Club/Garden Walk. The Committee will follow up with her as this would be a good way to publicize what the Club does.

Newsletter: Marty Bohn reminded everyone to email submissions for newsletter content.

Website: Jack Tonk will update and coordinate with the newsletter.

Elections: the slate of nominations will include the same officers (President, Karin Crane; Vice President, Corya Channing; Secretary, Barbara deRamona; Treasurer, Jack Tonk; and Board members, Laura Demchuck and Joanne Stratton. Voting will take place at the October meeting.

By-laws: updated by-laws will be presented at the October meeting. Changes include the number of Board members and length of terms.

Announcements: Lurie Garden plant sale; soil test kits are available; Jammin' at the Dunes, Washington Park, Michigan City; Miller Improvement Group will be planting a tree at the old Town Hall, looking for Garden Club members to help decorate, and selling holiday wreaths.

The meeting was adjourned. Speaker, Maggie Byrne, Nature Conservancy, presented a program on invasive non-native plants.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Kennedy