

Miller Garden Club September 15, 2012 Minutes

President Karin Crane called the meeting to order at 10:05. Twenty-five members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting (June 2012) were accepted as submitted.

The Treasurer's financial report indicates we have brought in a little over \$9,000 with expenses to date at \$9703.00. We currently have \$11,069.35 in our checking account. It was moved (Jack Tonk) and seconded (Joanne Stratton) that the report be accepted as submitted.

Project/Event Reports:

Garden Walk: There were over 400 people in attendance at this year's garden walk. Corya has volunteered to coordinate the docents next year. Sarah Hensel and Barbara deRamona will be coordinating the TGIO party. Ticket prices will be \$10.00 next year. The date for next for next year is set for July 6th and 7th, 2013. Four gardeners have agreed to be on the walk. The co-chairs accepted garden suggestions.

Outings — Fernwood: Sixteen members attended. A winter outing will be scheduled for Garfield Park Conservatory. In June 2013 we will be going to a Lavender Farm in Niles, Michigan.

Speakers: Corya is working with gardening expert Beth Botts for a Saturday presentation in January 2013.

Brats and Bulbs: On Saturday October 20th, the club will have their annual Brats and Bulbs event at the Aquatorium.

Work Day: There will be a workday October 27. We have purchased 15 fruit trees, 15 crabapple trees, and 60 perennial bushes. Karin purchased them for \$90 (from Jansen's). There was discussion of assigning people next year to work on the corners in downtown Miller.

There was a suggestion that we have an "adopt a corner" program.

Web Site: .org has now been purchased.

Old Business:

Publicity: Publicity has been sent out for the Brats and Bulbs event.

Newsletter: It was requested that material be forwarded to Marty Bohn around the first of the month for the Newsletter.

Speakers: Corya is working on speakers for next year. If anyone has ideas please forward them to Corya Channing.

New Business:

Bylaws & Elections: Pat Hofstra explained the changes in the bylaws. The only change was that directors (11) would be elected by the membership. The board will select officers from that group.

Pat is the chair of the nominating committee. If you have nominations for directors, please contact Pat Hofstra.

MGC Business Award: The board has suggested that we have a beautification award for Miller businesses/ organizations who have made significant landscape changes. Corya will chair the committee.

Announcements: Charlene handed out information about a Pumpkin Patch at Settler's Pond in Beecher, Illinois.

Larry Lapidus will be giving a lecture later in the month. Information will be in the newsletter.

"The Perfect Garden" will be performed at Purdue Calumet on November 9, 10 and 11 and 16, 17 and 18.

"Leaving Iowa" is at the Towle theatre.

There is a farm stand on Fridays at Ogden Dunes on Route 12 by the gas station.

September 21 and 28 there will be "Friday University" at Purdue Calumet.

New members were introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55

Respectfully submitted, Barbara deRamona, Secretary