

Miller Garden Club Meeting October 20, 2012

President, Karin Crane called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting of September 15, 2012 were accepted as submitted. The financial report was accepted as submitted by the treasurer.

Project/Events Reports:

There will be a work day on October 27th from 10 to noon. Those who can help should meet at the south planter on Lake Street.

The Porter County Garden Show is on January 19th, 2013.

The Beth Botts Lecture will be at the Aquatorium on January 19th, 2013.

There will be a **Garfield Park Tour** on February 23rd, 2013. Meet at the Aquatorium at 10:00 a.m. for car-pooling.

2012 Community Projects:

Pat Hofstra has donated plants. The rotary club donated mums. Thanks to Judy Ayers for planting these donated plants.

New Business:

Elections: Ballots were distributed. Votes were tallied. The Slate from the Nominating Committee was accepted by the membership present. Board members elected for 2012- 2013 were as follows: **Judy Ayers, Mary Bohn, Bernie Bonk, Corya Channing, Karin Crane, Barbara deRamona, Tom Eaton, Chuck Hensel and Jack Tonk.** They with **Laura Demchuck and Joanne Stratton** comprise the Miller Garden Club Board for 2012-13.

A huge Thank you was given to the following members:

Sue Rutsen for her work on the membership committee.

Sandy Appleby for the many projects she does for the garden club.

Susan Binkley for all the community works she does for the garden club.

Pat Hofstra for volunteering her legal skills.

Judy Ayers for bringing/coordinating the snacks for the monthly meetings.

Corya Channing for the organizing the wonderful speakers this year.

Chuck Hensel and Tom Eaton for planting mums and maintaining the triangle at Shelby and Oak Street.

A question was raised regarding the corner at Shelby and Oak Street. Judy Ayers volunteered to contact the city of Gary.

Suggestions were submitted regarding possible speakers for the next season. On the first workday Mr. Hicks will return to supervise the pruning of the garden club community projects. Suggestions for speakers included Jennifer Davit from Lurie Garden. Suggested topics included garden pests and basket weaving from garden products. Field trips suggested included Brinka cross, the Friendship Gardens, and the Lavender Farm. It was pointed out that the Master Gardener's offer a speakers bureau.

It was recommended that we reach out to the government of Gary. Comp tickets for the garden walk will be sent. A delegation from the club (Sandy Appleby, Karin Crane and Corya Channing) will be contacting the mayor's office.

Announcements:

Purdue Theatre Company is putting on a play "The Perfect Garden" November 9, 10 and 11 and 17 and 18th. Tickets are \$10 (\$7 for Seniors).

There is an opera recital October 28 from 3 to 4 p.m. a Temple Israel.

Today is the Settler's Pond Fundraiser. Charlene shared information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. for the Brats and Bulbs festivities

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara deRamona, Secretary