

Minutes  
Miller Garden Club  
September 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Karin Crane with 25 members in attendance. There were no minutes from the last meeting; Jack Tonk gave the treasurer's report, including the fact that the Garden Walk netted approximately \$4000 with the highest attendance ever.

Reports on Projects / Events: Sixteen members went on the fun outing to the Chicago Botanic Gardens. Brats & Bulbs is all set for Oct. 19, Bernie reported. She asked people to distribute posters and said that it is still possible to place special orders for bulbs. October workday will be Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Participants should meet at the library and will plant leftover bulbs and 1000 bulbs approved by the Board. The multiple plants purchased from Jansen's for \$50 (approximately 75 cents each) will be planted in Community Gardens, including by signs and along west wall of Aquatorium. Karin distributed a list of plants and the locations of their use. The Department of Green Urbanism bought seven flats of plants for the corners on Lake Street. Dawn would like to turn over the care of some of the corners; at this stage it would require minimal time. The SCA team continues/will continue to assist by mulching planters, helping plant corners and picking up trash. The Lagoon cleanup day is September 25, starting at 8:30 a.m. The Sanitary District approved the Cell Tower Project and they purchased trees and landscaping materials. Dawn's building will provide water initially. Shoreline Committee joint workdays are September 28 and October 26 (last Saturday of month); the Committee has adopted Father Marquette and has been trained on plant awareness by Joe Baldwin from Hitchcock. Volunteers should bring gloves and tools. On Monday and Thursday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m., a group picks up trash in the Park, starting at the playground; all are invited to help. The City will not be repairing the Lake Street planters; the MBA will fund the repair if someone can be found to do the work. A water system is being tried and, if successful, will be used next year. Sedum is needed for the planters. Work on the Shelby Street planter needs Board approval.

New Business: Dawn reported on the Craft Project; the sedum wreaths will be made and taken home by participants on Saturday, November 16, in the afternoon. Plans for making wreaths to sell might come later. Miller Garden Club University – Gardening 101 has been set for January 11 and 18, 2014. The goal is to make it possible for people to learn and improve their gardens. Topics from Amending Soil to Harvesting will be covered in the eight planned sections. The date of the Porter County Winter Garden Show is January 25. Scheduling speakers for meetings is being worked on. A Winter Wine and Cheese Affair has been set for February 15; it is hoped that the speaker will be the woman who runs Lurie Gardens. The deadline for the next newsletter is October 6. Work is still being done to make sure the website is [www.millergardenclub.org](http://www.millergardenclub.org). The 2014 Tentative Calendar of Meetings and Events, approved by the Board, was distributed. Elections will be held at the October meeting, before Brats & Bulbs. Pat Hofstra-Pelkey said the slate of existing officers and Board members will be submitted and voted on, unless additional nominations are made.

The meeting was adjourned and the speaker, John Bachmann, Purdue University Calumet Grounds/Recycling Supervisor, was introduced. His topic was Public Safety.