

Miller Garden Club Minutes - Saturday, June 15th 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth Wallish at 10:05 am

Announcements:

Board member Brian Devries has resigned. Bruce Harlow has been elected to fill Brian's remaining term of office. Cleo announced the need for more volunteers for the garden walk. Cleo answered questions from membership about the duties of gardening angels, docents and other volunteer positions. A fall outing field trip to Lurie Gardens in Chicago is being planned. More information to follow. In November member Dawn Vanzo will teach a Bonsai craft project. More information to follow

Treasurer's Report:

All of the park benches the garden club is buying have been paid for. The May plant sale was profitable....plant sale, paraphernalia and lunches Approximately \$4000 profit was made.

Farmer's Market Report:

Two weeks prior to this meeting the Miller Garden Club booth at the Miller's Beach Farmer's market made the most money ever. Hours are 11am to 2 pm and volunteers are always needed. It was also mentioned there is an excellent hamburger vendor at the market this year.

Garden Walk Report:

Garden Walk Co-chairs Corya Channing and Judy Ayers along with several garden walk volunteers to sample lunch suggestions from Anna's Kombucha Café and everything was beyond delicious. Judy and Corya recently made the rounds of all the gardens and report they are all abundant with flowers and foliage. Liquor licenses have been secured for Friday's President's wine and cheese reception and for Prosecco that will be sold on Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 2:30 pm with lunches. There will be 15 vendors, club merchandise for sale, plants, plant gurus, a membership booth and much more. Postcards with day, date and time info were made available for members to take to appropriate businesses. Joanne Stratton, in charge of publicity is using print, media, TV, newspapers and magazines to spread the work of our event

Community Gardens:

Carol Smith reported on a group of 10 or more teenagers from St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Barrington, Illinois who were brought by Miller resident Kay Lewis to do community service work and spent 2 1/2 days working at the Father Marquette garden, Zully's garden and the gardens at the Aquatorium. They were thanked profusely by garden club members and as a small token of the garden club's appreciation a very large platter of homemade chocolate chip cookies for a midnight snack was delivered to Kay's Miller Beach residence on their last evening in Miller Beach.

-There is still time to cautiously remove plants left in planters on Lake Street for personal use before street improvements begin approximately June 26th, Garden club members have worked tirelessly to utilize these plants in other community gardens but have run out of places to place them.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am for refreshments provided by Corya Channing and Kathy Grimmer.

Speaker Drew Hart from the US Forest Service spoke about a tree planting program that is funded by the The National Fish and Wildlife Association in partnership with NIPSCO called "Communitree".

Minutes written by Judy Ayers for club Secretary, Dawn Vanzo who was unable to attend.