

Lake Ramsey "Petal" Pushers Garden Club
Meeting on May 6, 2013

The Petal Pushers packed up their potted plants and proceeded to Claire Hayden's home for the final meeting and dinner of our garden club's second year. The platters of food for the meal were provided by the half of the club who didn't bring food to the garden club Christmas party.

President Darlene Parlipiano presided over the meeting one last time. She thanked everyone for all of their hard work and contributions toward making the club a success during the last two years. She handed out a new club roster updating the officers and committees' assignments. The club members all appreciated Darlene's dedicated leadership and creative ideas in molding our club.

Treasurer Kathy Hymel reported that we have a balance in our treasury of \$370.42 which does not include the wisteria plant for the arbor.

The purpose of our meeting was to install new officers and new committee chairs so they can begin their new duties. The oath of office was administered to Susan Huff who will be taking notes and writing the minutes in her new position as secretary and Jane Griffiths who will be collecting the dues and writing the checks as treasurer and Nancy Hotard who will keep us all in order as the new parliamentarian. Unfortunately incoming president Kathy Crochet was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

New committee chairs installed were Darlene Parlipiano for (1) Seasonal Decorating and Christmas at the Front Entrance; Kathy Zeringue for (2) Green Space Improvement; Linda Rowe (3) Entrance Beautification & Landscaping; Susie Boutte, (4) Program and Planning; and Kathy Lyons (5) Sunshine. Claire Hayden will continue as our Photographer and Ceanne Hirstius will remain as our Historian. Each club member is assigned too at least one committee, so check the new roster to see which one you are on.

Susie Cochran asked if anyone had extra birthday cards they could donate for the Sunshine Committee.

The scrapbook created by Ceanne Hirstius, which includes photos by Claire, is exquisite, make sure to go through it if you missed it at the meeting. Ceanne will be doing a separate book for the Christmas project.

The May birthday girls are Kathy Zeringue, Susie Boutte, Sandy Miller. Celebrating their June birthdays are Kathy Hymel, Camille Steen, and Paulette Hecker and July is Pat Burrow.

Each member brought two plants for the plant swap which filled Claire's screen porch with lush greenery. Numbers were drawn to insure each person had a chance to choose between flowering plants in full bloom, herbs, vegetables, or plants just starting to grow. On round two great plant choices were still available. I chose the bright red Scarlet Sage which are doing beautifully and some easy to grow succulents. I hope everyone is as happy with their new plants for their gardens as I am with mine.

We all have busy schedules but we owe it to ourselves to take time to smell the roses.

Happy gardening y'all,
Sandy Miller, Secretary