

Council of Barrington Garden Clubs

January 10, 1996, Barrington Area Library

In attendance:

Country Home and Garden Club:

Nancy Kuhrtz (for Alyce Anthony), Barbara Stanley, Susan Zick

Countryside Garden Class:

Polly Grafton

Field and Flower Garden Club:

Caryl Johnson, Irene LaCesa, Carol McClintock, Ruth Ryan

The Garden Club of Barrington:

Mary Bates, Kay Golitz, Helen Withrow

Green Thumbs of Barrington

Marie Collins, Carol Kuskowski, Daria Sapp, Charlotte Thoma

Little Garden Club of Barrington:

Peggy Graham, Shirley Magner, Betty McLaughlin

Village Planter:

Jan Hilgers, Cathy Lee

Conservation:

Sam Oliver

Kay Golitz called the meeting to order at 9:35. She thanked the Council for its cooperation during her presidency and especially thanked the outgoing officers, Sandy Clark, Ruth Ryan and Cynthia Bulgarelli. The meeting was turned over to the new president, Ruth Ryan who praised Kay for her efficiency as president.

There being no additions or correction to the minutes of November 8, they stand as presented.

The treasurer, Susan Zick, reported that the checking account balance is \$1,067.92 and the savings account with the updated earned interest is \$3,260.22, giving the Council total assets of \$4,328.14. It was noted that it has never been Council policy to have the treasurer's books audited at the end of a term.

OLD BUSINESS:

Code of Procedure:

At the November 8th meeting the Council voted to accept the recommendation of the Code Committee to revise the "Code of Procedure of the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs " with the exception of two additions which were deferred to the January meeting for discussion and approval. The two revised section to the code are as follows:

"8. STANDING COMMITTEES The Chairman of these committees shall be appointed by the Council President whenever necessary. It is desirable that each committee have a Council representative serving as its chairman. With the exception of the Chairman of each committee it is not required that individual members be representatives of the Council. Each committee shall submit a yearly budget (proposal) as a financial guideline for Council approval."

"8.g) Educational Focus Committee This ongoing committee composed of two representatives from each club and a Chairman, will be responsible for storage and caretaking of various Council flower show supplies and equipment; shall plan

educational programs/classes and activities according to the needs of the community, and shall make periodic reports to Council"

MOTION: Helen Withrow made the motion to accept the two additions to the code, seconded by Carol Kuskowski. The motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that all the member clubs have now approved the dues increase to \$15. The approved "Code of Procedures" of the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs" will be typed and ready for dispersal at the March meeting.

Budget:

After a lengthy discussion the following budget was approved for 1996. It was noted that income from dues does not cover the budget and that money will be taken from savings for the short fall. It was suggested that (as in the past when the savings account was depleted) the Council could schedule a fund raising event to add money to the account.

Budget	95 Proposed	95 Actual	96 Proposed
President	0	0	150
Secretary	115	89.44	115
Treasurer	0	0	0
Arbor Day	400	467.94	500
Planter Boxes	0	0	0
Beautification Awards	50	41.77	50
Educ. Focus	250	?	200
Nat'l. Garden Week	200	404.49	500
Miscellaneous	0	38.00	50
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Total	\$ 1015	\$ 1041.64	\$ 1565

Motion: Betty McLaughlin moved to accept the budget as proposed and Helen Withrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Arbor Day Committee - Shirley Magner and Joanne Larson

Arbor Day is Friday, April 26th. Shirley and Joanne are recommending that the Council adopt the Eastern White Pine as the tree for distribution to the school children in 1996. The trees will cost \$.65 not \$.35 as previously reported and approximately 650 of the 8-14" trees will be needed. The trees will come from Pasquesi and will be prepackaged and include planting instruction. a sticker will be attached to the bag naming the tree, giving more instructions on planting and care, and identifying the Council of Barrington Garden clubs as the donor. Pick up will be at Pasquesi on Thursday, April 25. Shirley requested that the names of two representative from each garden club be sent to her before March 1. The committee will decorate the library display cases in April in honor of Arbor Day.

Motion: Peggy Graham made a motion to purchase the Eastern White Pine seedlings at \$.65 for Arbor Day, seconded by Jan Hilgers. The motion passed unanimously.

Planter Boxes Committee - Suzanne Hanifl and Irene LaGes

No report

Beautification Committee - Joyce Simpson and Charlotte Thoma
Cathy Lee, 1995 Beautification Chairperson, reported that the Canteen Restaurant had been announced as a winner at the November Council meeting but it was discovered later that it was ineligible since it was not a member of the Barrington Chamber of Commerce. A list of actual winners was sent to the Courier Newspaper but was never publicized. Joyce Simpson requested that the names of the representatives from the clubs be sent to her before March 1st.

National Garden Week - Irene LaCesa and Marie Collins
The dates on the 1995 National Garden Week banner will be changed to reflect the 1996 date which is June 2 to 8. The banner will be displayed for one week, Monday, June 3 to Monday, June 10 at the Gazebo Park. The library will provide an educational program during the celebration of National Garden Week on Wednesday, June 5 at 1:30 pm. The program is a thank you to garden clubs for their contributions of landscaping and books to the library. One representative from each club is requested to help on the committee. Send the names to Irene LaCesa as soon as possible and no later than March 1.

Conservation - Sam Oliver
Sam participated in the Good Shepherd Hospital's "Healthier Communities Project" which is using community input to identify areas of community concern in the Barrington community. Several of the topics that relate to the Council were the environment, communication and infrastructure. She praised the Council for its ability to communicate with the other entities such as the Village of Barrington and the schools and to involve other groups in its projects. After the hospital has surveyed the community its findings will be published. Citizens For Conservation will hold its annual meeting on February 1 at 7:00 at the Barrington Area Library. Dr. Floyd Swink, author of Plants of the Chicago Region, will be the guest speaker. All garden club members are cordially invited to attend.

Educational Focus Committee - Carol McClintock
The budget for the Education Focus Committee for 1996 was distributed. The committee has estimated costs for the spring, summer and fall programs to be \$3017.50 and hopes to bring in receipts of \$3,100.00 for the same period. The aim of the committee is to be self supporting and the treasurer will now carry this committee as a line item on the financial report. A survey was taken by the committee to identify the needs of the community. The two topics most people were concerned with were landscape design and cut flower arranging. The education focus committee programs were designed to address both of those topics.

- April 11 - Tony Tyznik - garden design
- April 18 - George Ware - suitable plantings
- August - Penny Horne - flower arranging (4 Thursday's)
- September - Mary Walker - horticulture/design in the garden

Carol will distribute to the club presidents a copy of the new quarterly magazine, "Chicago Land Gardening" to give to each of their club members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ruth read a letter from the Barrington Area Library thanking the Council and each member club for the lovely holiday decorations.

Kay Golitz has written to all organizations informing them that Ruth is the new Council President.

Stillman Nature Center has announced its Winter 1996 classes in its latest newsletter. Presidents were requested to share the newsletter with their members.

Betty McLaughlin encouraged the clubs who are not now participating in the Illinois Adopt-a-Highway Program to become an active member. Shirley Magner would be willing to answer any questions concerning the program.

Caryl Johnson compiled a list of events that would be of interest to garden club members and distributed a copy to all presidents. She will continue to share this monthly list with Council and asked that each club send its events to her to be included.

Thanks to Sam Oliver for the January "goodies" and a belated thanks to Jan Hilgers for the November treats. March refreshments will be provided by Caryl Johnson and Irene LaCesa.

Motion: Sam Oliver moved for adjournment, seconded by Carol Kuskowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Daria Sapp
Secretary

This copy includes the corrections from the March 13, 1996 meeting.