

COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUB SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

Attendance: **Little Garden Club of Barrington:** Linda Hovde and Betty Jeffreys; **Country Home & Garden:** Nancy Apmann, Anita Holzwart and Mary Jo Martin; **South Barrington Garden Club:** Susan Stapke; **Garden Club of Barrington:** Pat Ballot and Wanita Lamkey; **Field & Flower Garden Club:** Lauren DeJesu and Kyle Chang; **Green Thumbs Garden Club:** Elizabeth Robins, Virginia Everist and Daria Sapp, also representing **Countryside Garden Class** with Sylvia Hagelow; **CFC:** Sam Oliver and **Stillman Nature Center:** Mark Spreyer.

The meeting was called to order by President, Kyle Chang, who welcomed everyone to the presentation of Beautification Awards, and introduced Sylvia Hagelow, Chair of the Committee, and Elizabeth Robins, Assistant, to present the awards to the 2010 recipients. A list of the 2010 Beautification Awards Recipients is attached to these Minutes. Many of the recipients were present and very appreciative. It was an all around successful and happy occasion for everyone involved, and included refreshments being enjoyed by all.

President Kyle introduced Majorie Pullinger who reported on the Pepper Hospice Home in Barrington, Il., and their Garden Maintenance Plan. The home has contracted with a landscaping company for them to do general maintenance of the grounds, which includes lawn and bed maintenance, prairie grass maintenance and spring and fall clean-up. She stated that they have a need for experienced gardeners to help them with the gardens. She asked for help from Council to seek volunteers from garden club members to work individually to maintain one of their 7 key garden areas. It is intended that each area be roughly 1-2 hours of work, either done individually on their own timetable, or as a group. She handed out copies of Instructions and Maintenance checklists. Her email address is : mpullinger@hospiceanswers.org or a direct phone no. 224-770-2404; main Phone No. 847-381-5599.

The May minutes were approved.

Treasurer, Nancy Apmann, handed out copies of her report for period 5/2/10-9/7/10, explaining that additional dues from South Barrington Garden Club were received for 40 members of \$65.00. Also, a donation of \$200.00 from Big Garden Club was received.

President's Announcements:

None.

Club Announcements:

Susan Stapke extended a written invitation to the Council to the South Barrington Annual Holiday Luncheon and Program, Dec. 9th, at the Seville, with Floral demonstrations by Glen Egleand.

Committee Reports:

Beautification:

Kyle thanked and congratulated Sylvia for the warm and personal presentation of the Beautification Awards and the excellent turn out of recipients. Sylvia stated that she had called people to make sure they remembered. Sylvia also praised and thanked Elizabeth for typing, mailing out letters, and keeping things moving while she had to be out of town.

National Garden Week: June 6th-12th.

Anita Holzwart reported all volunteers participated and were present to pass out seeds. It was a rainy, miserable day, but recipients were very pleased. Children were especially interested and came up and picked up the seeds.

CFC:

Sam Oliver handed out brochures of "Leave No Child Inside", a consortium, that aims to coordinate outdoor family and youth programs in the area. They also maintain the "funoutside.org" site for the community to access a listing of upcoming events anytime. Sam reported in September 220 4th graders and teachers in District 220 will be coming to Grigsby Prairie to pick seeds. Five interns are involved. There has been lots of activity on rain gardens.

Stillman Nature Center:

Mark Spreyer reported 3 boy scouts worked in order to earn the rank of Eagle Scout; two Working on woodshed; 1 on boardwalk and Lakeside trail.

New Business/Old Business:

A discussion about volunteering for the Hospice Home Garden Maintenance Plan was tabled until next meeting.

Linda Hovde thanked everyone for donating and filling pots for the Barrington Art Fair. Linda Reported selling them at \$40.00 to 80.00, selling all and everyone appreciating them. The total contribution of \$350.00 was given to The Barrington Cultural Commission that seemed to think it successful. Suggestion for next year: Nursery may donate flowers or pot if purchased in Large quantity.

Field and Flowers Garden Club will provide refreshments at the November meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is November 10,2010.