

Council of Barrington Garden Clubs

November 13, 1996, Barrington Area Library

In attendance:

- Country Home and Garden Club: Margaret Owen, Barbara Stanley, Susan Zick
- Countryside Garden Class: Polly Grafton, Jill Hidding
- Field and Flower Garden Club: Jeanette Muench, Joanne Larson, Ruth Ryan
- The Garden Club of Barrington: Mary Bates, Peggy Graham, Joyce Simpson, Helen Withrow
- Green Thumbs of Barrington: Marle Collins, Carol Kuskowski, Charlotte Thoma, Darla Sapp
- Little Garden Club of Barrington: Mary Bates, Peggy Graham, Helen Withrow
- Village Planters: Jan Hilgers, Peggy Morris

President Ruth Ryan called the meeting to order. She thanked the Country Home and Garden Club for providing refreshments.

The minutes of September 11, 1996 stand approved as read. Joanne Larson was thanked for taking the minutes at the September meeting.

The treasurer, Susan Zick reported that the checking account balance is \$1335.15 and the savings account balance is \$3,330.36 giving the Council total assets of \$4,665.51.

OLD BUSINESS: Committee Reports

ARBOR DAY - Joanne Larson

Joanne reported that she and Toni Norbeck completed a book of evidence on the Arbor Day project which was sent in to the National Council of State Garden Clubs to compete for a national arbor day award.

PLANTER BOXES - Irene LaCesa

No report

BARRINGTON AREA BEAUTIFICATION - Joyce Simpson

Joyce and Charlotte thanked the committee members for their help. The plaques which were done again by Peggy Graham will be awarded to the winning merchants this month. Joyce reported that the committee would like to recommend that two new categories be added to the awards list for next year: an award for overall maintenance and landscape design, and an award for most improved. The following is the list of merchants who have won a 1996 Beautification Award:

1. Page 1 Interiors
2. Ruck-Pate Building
3. Pasquesi Home and Farm Supply

4. Chessle's Restaurant
5. The Greenery Restaurant
6. Pitte's
7. Burger King (not a Chamber of Commerce member)*

Those merchants noted for continued excellence are: The Foundry, Hamilton Partners, Barrington Place, Suburban Bank, Allstate, Barrington Courte, McDonalds, GE Capital, and Ameritech.

Those merchants receiving honorable mention are: Tinkoff Attorneys, Silk N' Things, Corporate Identity, Governors Park, and Touch of Amish (not a Chamber of Commerce member)*.

Those merchants receiving honorable mention for container gardens are: Phillips Menswear, and Barrington Realty.

*Those winners not a member of the Chamber of Commerce are noted only and do not receive a plaque or certificate.

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS COMMITTEE - Carol McClintock

Peggy Morris reported that the program given by Mary Walker in September was a huge success: there were seventy attendees. The program to be given by MaryJo Garre has been canceled. Peggy mentioned that the committee was very aware of the need to provide a diversity of programs at varying price ranges to attract younger residents. The next two-part program will be held on Thursday, April 17 and Thursday, April 24 at Langendorf Park.

April 17 -- Landscaping, New or Re-Do presented by Jo Ann Loebel, Jeanette Muench, and Darla Sapp, members of the GCI Landscape Design Critics Council.

April 24 -- "Shrubs, Grasses and Groundcovers for Our Area" presented by Randy Illeg, Professor in Horticulture at Harper Community College and Laurie McGhee of Midwest Groundcovers

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

President Ryan had previously asked the Council representatives to poll their members regarding the continuation of sponsoring events during National Garden Week. The majority of clubs felt that celebrating National Garden Week was a worthwhile project but that it should be done on a smaller scale. Some of the clubs' suggestions were: to keep \$500 in the budget for the project, to have only one event, to keep the banner, to ask the Village of Barrington for a proclamation, to cut down the mailing, and to use the money for a speaker, and to eliminate a tree for the village.

MOTION: Marie Collins moved that the Council continue to sponsor a committee to organize the events for National Garden Week and that that committee would have a Chairperson and an Assistant Chairperson and that those chairmanships would rotate through the member club roster. Seconded by Helen Withrow and approved unanimously.

Jeanette Muench volunteered Field and Flower to chair the committee for 1997. The Council officers will determine the rotation schedule and assign an assistant club to work with Field and Flower on this committee. Jeanette asked that the chairpersons of the Beautification Awards Committee and the Planter Box Committee work with her.

It was noted by Helen Withrow that Council had previously discussed establishing a committee to reevaluate the planter box project and would include the Village of Barrington and the Chamber of Commerce in the discussions. Jeanette felt this committee should include representative from the National Garden Week, Beautification and Planter Boxes committees.

CONSERVATION - SAM OLIVER

In Sam's absence, President Ryan reported that the Junior Naturalist scavenger hunt was a huge success with over 60 children and parents participating.

On "Make a Difference Day" CFC and volunteers collected seed for its prairies.

CFC hosted a program at its Flint Creek Preserve for the Natural Areas Conference held in St. Charles, IL, October.

CFC urged garden clubs to write to the Cook County Board of Commissioners in support of the restoration work being done by the Cook County Forest Preserve and the Volunteer Network. Due to the objections from a small group the Commission has placed a moratorium on brush cutting, herbiciding, and burning at every Forest Preserve site in the county. See handout for points to make and address of County Board.

It was announced that William Miller, area resident and environmentalist, had passed away. An article about his life was passed around.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Ruth reminded clubs that their assigned holiday decorations were to be in place soon. Clubs may contact Ruth if they have any questions.

DISTRICT IX ANNUAL MEETING - Toni Norbeck

Everything is coming along fine.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ruth reported that she had been invited to attend a Village of Barrington Board meeting where the vacant Harold Lipofsky lot had been discussed. A resident has indicated that he would be willing to finance a beautification project at that site.

IDOT has alerted the Council that they will be doing construction work around the Robert and Ruth Work Park in South Barrington.

Marle Thomas from the Barrington Area Library has requested a series of tours of the library plantings. It was decided to pass the suggestion on to the Educational Focus Committee.

January refreshments will be provided by Green Thumbs Garden Club

Announcements:

"Roadside Vegetation: Problems and Politics at 65 MPH" Nov. 19 10:00-12:00 at the Chicago Botanic Garden

MOTION: Polly Grafton moved for adjournment, seconded by Jan Hilgers.

The next meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 1997, 9:30 at the Barrington Area Library

Respectfully submitted,

Daria Sapp, Secretary