

COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2001 BARRINGTON AREA LIBRARY

President Pat Ballot called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Present were:

COUNTRYSIDE GARDEN CLASS: Polly Grafton, Jill Hidding
GREEN THUMBS: Carol Kuskowski, Daria Sapp
COUNTRY HOME & GARDEN CLUB: Patrice Bender, Marianne Lutz
LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF BARRINGTON: Pat Ballot
FIELD & FLOWER GARDEN CLUB: Judy Miller
VILLAGE PLANTERS: Peggy Morris, Jan Hilgers, Barbara Murphy
THE GARDEN CLUB OF BARRINGTON: Peggy Graham
CONSERVATION: Patsy Mortimer, Mark Spreyer
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES; Kathy Coffman, Irene LaCesa

A motion was made by Peggy Morris and seconded by Jan Hilgers to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2000 meeting as mailed. The motion passed.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Garden Club of Barrington - Peggy Graham announced a small flower show to be held on June 14, 2001 at the Barrington Historical Society. This will be open to members of other Barrington garden clubs.

Stillman - Mark Spreyer distributed copies of Stillman NC Newsletter. He mentioned the installation of an irrigation system in the 'birdscaping' area. Also, there will be a program on owls presented at The Wild Bird Center in Fox River Grove on February 8, 2001 at 7 p.m.

CFC - Patsy Mortimer announced that CFC has closed on the property across from Good Shepherd Hospital. The 65 acres were purchased at a cost of \$400,000. She spoke about the map in the current newsletter which shows the extent of all the property. Also, CFC will be adding discarded Christmas trees to the island in Baker's Lake.

COMMITTEES

National Garden Week - Daria Sapp proposed doing something extra in addition to whatever is in the budget for the Middle School project. She needs a representative from each club to serve on the National Garden Week Committee. There was discussion of the whereabouts of the banner for Nat'l. Garden Week. Peggy Graham mentioned Shirley Irwin has it.

Arbor Day - There was discussion of what schools want. Chairperson Barbara Murphy stated that she has not yet sent out letters to the schools to ask what they would like.

Educational Focus - Maryann Lutz stated the the Yule Log workshop given by Penny Horne was not very well attended - 4 or 5 committee members filled in. There are two programs planned for the spring at the Park District; Pruning on April 5 and Butterfly Gardening on April 26.

M. Lutz stated that the committee would like to disband same. There was discussion of whys and wherefores. The consensus was that too many programs are offered to the public.

Judy Miller proposed offering at least one program by Penny Horne during the year.

Irene LaCesa made a motion, seconded by Jill Hidding, to accept the recommendation of the Educational Focus Committee to disband, with regret. There was discussion, a roll call vote by President Ballot and the motion passed unanimously. La Cesa then made a motion, seconded by Polly Grafton, to amend the previous motion to include a closing date of May 9, 2001. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Ballot brought up the Ed. Focus fee paid by each club. Club presidents said their members wanted to know what the money would be used for instead of Ed. Focus. Discussion.

Peggy Graham made a motion, seconded by Peggy Morris, to discontinue collecting the one dollar per club member fee. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Old Business - There was discussion of club members feedback on the Barrington Village presentation at the November meeting. Discussion followed about the purpose of the presentation - plans seem nebulous as far as inclusion of garden clubs. Irene LaCesa suggested that garden clubs write letters and request that an irrigation system be installed. Kathy Coffman suggested a petition from all the clubs along with a letter requesting same. President Ballot said she will meet with several BCGC members to draft a letter and petition. She also suggested a Council member or garden club member attend Village planning committee meetings. Discussion followed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Next Meeting: March 14 2001, 9:30 a.m., Barrington Area Library