

MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 1985 MEETING,

BARRINGTON COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 by Andy Carponelli, President. Minutes were read and corrected.

Roll Call: Denise Israel of Village Planters, Betty McLaughlin, Helen Withrow and Nancy Hamill of Little Garden Club, Mary Jo Gare of Garden Club of Barrington; Fran Colburn of Green Thumbs, Mary Phillips of Country Home and Garden; Elaine Wright of Field & Flower, Pamela Knight of Four Seasons; Jane Thorne and Bonnie Keck of Prairie State, and Andee Carponelli of Countryside Garden Class.

Prairie State Garden Club reported the election of their new president, Bonnie Keck, who succeeded Fran Luby. Sam Oliver will be replaced as representative from Country Home and Gardens because of her increasing duties elsewhere.

Treasurer's Report, Betty Simpson: Andy read a short report in Betty's absence. There is \$306.28 in the Checking Acct, and \$659.65 in the Savings Account. Andy requested any new bills be submitted.

Publicity/Historian, Helen Withrow: No report

Conservation, Sam Oliver: (Andy reported in Sam's absence) A copy of the newsletter from Citizens for Conservation Inc. (green sheet) announcing the Thursday January 31 annual meeting at Barrington Hills Country Club. The agenda includes a presentation of the William H. Miller Conservation Awards, a presentation by Wendy Paulson on the Illinois Fen, and dinner, \$16.00. They also announced a series of 4th to 6th grade classes titled "Saturday Sessions" at Crabtree Nature Center. The January topic was Animal Tracks; further sessions will include Bird Migration and Sugaring-off. See attached yellow and green sheets.

Planter Boxes, Pamela Knight, who succeeds Louise Robb, sets the date toward the end of May, after the last frost. Last year the plantings were done May 23. Supplies are purchased from the Childrens Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (ACLD). Four to five volunteers are needed from each Club, to meet about 11:00 AM on the selected date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Decorations: We received Thank You's and Christmas card from the Barrington Library for the decorations which were highly complimented. Some ornaments were reported missing from the tree. The front desk presented a problem because the area is so small. of the Village Hall was most pleased with the Christmas swags on each side of the front door. This was the first year the Council has included them on the project for Christmas decor.

Trees for Tomorrow: The deadline was for today. Andee will check to see whether a candidate for the 1985 summer session has been selected. Mr. M. Boland has been on break from the University of Illinois until today. The Council voted another \$50.00 for the 1986 scholarship. Peiter Clayton will be invited to report on his experiences during the seminar in 1985. Because of past difficulties in attracting candidates for the annual session the following suggestions were made: Stress that the scholarship is open to sophomores in highschool, increase publicity at the H-H Clubs offices in Cook and Lake Counties as well as at the High School; send a letter to the Editor of the Barrington Courier to promote the 1986 scholarship. In addition a follow-up survey could be made at the various recruiting areas to pin-point the lack of success in finding students. *problems*

Trees for Tomorrow (continued) Paying summer jobs and State Fairs are two competing areas for the summer session.

Flower Show, Mary Jo Garre: Mary Jo outlined the considerable planning done to date on the Fall '85 Barrington Garden Club Flower Show. The theme will be a "Salute to the Barrington Area Arts Council", i.e., dance, painting, sculpture, etc. Fewer Classes will be selected (nine instead of 12), to strive for higher quality. Mary Jo will attempt to have more effective but shorter and fewer planning meetings for smaller groups. For instance, one type such as Social, Hostess, and Dinner Committees will meet separately from the Staging and Labor Committ. She has filled many major positions and is still looking for participants. She would like each Club to encourage its members to become involved in some capacity. More "gophers" are needed than were used last year. Some of the features in the Show will be an Exhibit of the art of Wine making by Margarr-Kerr, under the Education and Special Exhibit Class. The Garden Club of Barrington has an award Winning Water Conservation exhibit. Mary McCarthy has an exhibit on Prairie plants - the Fine Art of Nature's Landscaping - using plantings and photos. Zimmerman will present a slide show on Prairie Plants. Bonnie Keck will present a selection of specimens from the prairie area and fern surrounding her house. It was suggested that each Club competes for the best display of plants raised from specific seed in uniform boxes. Seeds may be purchased from ACLD and the Council could arrange for purchase of boxes from Olson Distributors at as low a cost as possible. One type of plant would be selected for the competition, i.e., sunny, shady, wet, etc. locations.

*Louise Jordan  
made mention*

Because of the \$800 deficiency from last year there is very little money available to start production. The following suggestions were made to cost-cut. Printing needs and expenses should be investigated - alternate sources of material and labor. Change the Publicity luncheon to a tea in someone's home. Increase the price of the Preview Dinner to \$35.00, and make better use of decorative plant materials at hand for table decor. Some special non-money making items might be dropped.

The following suggestions were made as sources for money. The last show was financed principally with money accumulated a few years ago. Andee suggested a re-cap of the source of former money supplies. Raise the price of the preview Dinner to \$35.00, make arrangements to raffle off after the Show. Raise the price of balloons. Request more items for the Boutique from individual Club members (always avoiding competition with Ice House merchants' stocks). Request a \$1.00 per member assessment from each Club as "seed" money, which should raise about \$300.00 immediately. There is an extra \$90 in the Arbor Day fund, and Club Dues to the Council will be \$10 each. If these funds are sent into the Treasurer before the March meeting there should be a good beginning fund.

*Bucks -  
Plants  
some flowers  
was purchased from*

Dates: Set up will be Wed. Sept. 11, Artistic displays in place September 12 in the morning, and judging in the afternoon. It was pointed out that the Show will not be too late in the season for good horticulture display. Negotiations with the Ice House are underway for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of that week, which will allow working family members to see the exhibits. A motion was made to request the \$1.00 per member contribution from each Club. The motion was seconded and passed.

Maryjo said she would like four models of sculptures in Barrington as a center arrangement for the show.

Fran Colburn accepted the Awards chairmanship. Other positions to be filled are Reception (dinner and hospitality); Staging, Entries and Artistic Placement Co-Chairman with Betty McLaughlin.

*Marg Kerr,*

Arbor Day: Mary Jo Garre: Bagging will be April 24 (Wednesday) at Mary Smith's home, Ribbot Pond on Sutton Road, onehalf mile south of County Line Road, East side. About 500 trees are ordered. Andee will get bags (medium garbage size) with an additional larger size for grouping types of trees. Tags are also needed. Four people from each Club are needed, two to deliver the trees to the schools. A short talk should be made when presenting the trees to the children. Drawing for Schools to be assigned to each Club will be made at the March meeting. MaryJo would like more publicity for the event. A photo of one of the trees planted on Arbor Day ten years ago will be taken to show the long term advantages.

Announcements: Garden Glories for January has not been received. There will be a District IX meeting at Algouer's Monday March 4. Penny would like as many as possible to be there. Cost has not yet been determined.

Garden Clubs of Illinois meeting to be held April 11-12 at Westin Hotel in Rosemont.

Jane Thorne  
Secretary