

COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS

January 21, 1986 Meeting

The council met at the home of President pro tem, Andee Carponelli, who called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M., and distributed the meeting schedule and list of representatives for the upcoming term. The following were in attendance: Alice Jepson, Margaret Kerr and Martha Given from Countryside Garden Class; Elaine Wright and Andee Carponelli, Field and Flower; Fran Colburn and Kathi Davis, Green Thumbs; Penny Horne and Helen Withrow representing Little Garden Club and Garden Club of Barrington; Betty McLaughlin from Little Garden Club; Jane Thorne, Prairie State and Sam Oliver, CFC.

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 21, 1985 were read, corrected, and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Betty McLaughlin reported a Savings Account balance of \$312.52 including interest, Checking Account balance of \$342.85, and an in-transit amount yet to be received of approximately \$40.00 in payment of club dues. Betty reminded us that all clubs should pay dues this spring, which includes a \$10.00 club fee, and a dollar per member to support Arbor Day activities.

New Officers: The President introduced the following: Betty McLaughlin, Treasurer; and Kathi Davis, Secretary. At this time, Andee read a letter from Jane Thorne, which indicated that she would be withdrawing from Council participation for an indefinite period of time, and that Prairie State was currently in a state of flux concerning its' possible future and its' ability to provide a Council President for the current term. There followed a brief discussion as to the possibility of various clubs absorbing Prairie State's members in the event of dissolution. Andee was to discuss the matter with the officers of Prairie State. Betty McLaughlin brought up the question of rotation of officers within the Council and whether we were required to do so in the By-Laws or whether the rotation could be made somewhat more flexible according to membership approval.

Publicity/Historian: Chairman Helen Withrow had nothing to report.

Conservation: Andee Carponelli commented on the excellent quality of the CFC newsletter and in noting it's contents, reminded us of the upcoming CFC Annual Meeting, January 30 as well as the need CFC has for sources of seed collection and plant propagation to convert property designated to become prairieland.

Sam Oliver discussed upcoming Animal Tracks activities including programs on owls in February and maple syruping in March. She announced that Mary and Lloyd McCarthy would be presenting the Prairie Watch program at the annual meeting, which will also include presentation of the Wm. H. Miller Award. She stated that CFC has also recently been given the entire Barrington Bog, and distributed information and recent brochures on CFC activities. She also quoted a line from Walt Whitman concerning his love and preference for the prairie.

Old Business: The President read thank-you letters from the Village of Barrington and the Barrington Area Library expressing their appreciation for the work the clubs had done in providing Christmas decorations.

Concerning the Sunny Hill School request for assistance, Andee stated that in addition to Helen Withrow's offer to provide books, Jean Nadkorny, from Field and Flower, had agreed to meet with the Principal, Ronald Brandt, to determine their needs.

Andee asked for member response to the updated Council Code of Procedure which had been distributed at the November meeting. It was motioned and approved that the meeting time be changed to 9:30 A.M.

Concerning Carol McClintock's efforts to make available organic fertilizers through Knupper's Nursery, Andee noted that Carol would be publishing pick-up times in the newspapers.

New Business: The President outlined details for Trees for Tomorrow, a scholarship program which sends youth to a one-week camp in Eagle River, Wisconsin. The camp provides an opportunity for the individual to explore his or her potential interest in various aspects of Conservation as a career. Penny Horne suggested raising the donation which the Council makes, since tuition has increased to \$120.00. A motion to increase the donation to \$60.00 was seconded and approved, and Andee is to provide Betty McLaughlin with information on mailing the donation.

At this point, Betty McLaughlin questioned our sources of funding as a Council, and suggested a possible yearly flower show assessment, which could be set aside as a cushion. If no show was held, and the funds not used within a specified period of time, i.e., three years, the money would be returned to the clubs. Council members will take the issue back to their clubs to determine interest.

Concerning Arbor Day, a brief discussion was held as to who to contact to obtain trees. Council members will draw at the March meeting to determine club/school assignments. Andee will contact Village Planters to get the name of the Assistant Chairman. Each club will be required to provide two people for bagging and one member will be necessary to make the presentation to the school. Alice Jepson reported that bagging will take place at Georgia Pavin's home on Hills and Dales Road. Bagging will take place April 23 and presentation on April 25. Names of volunteers should be given to Margie Moran. The secretary was asked to send meeting announcements to Margie, as well as to the Arbor Day Assistant Chairman and Planters Box Chairman yet to be designated. The Secretary also agreed to provide bags for the project.

Helen Withrow stated that the number of members from each club required for the Planter Box project would be 4 to 6. They will meet at the back parking lot by the station, Wednesday, May 21. Helen will take care of publicity for Arbor Day and the Planter Boxes.

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Announcements: The President reminded the Council of upcoming events listed in Garden Glories: Gardening Study Course IV, February 24, 25, and 26; District IX meeting at Algauers, March 3; Landscape Design Study Course II, April 7, 8, and 9; State Convention, April 14; Flower Show School Course II, April 29 and 30; and National Council Convention, May 25, 26, 27, and 28.

Penny Horne announced that the District Meeting will include voting on By-Law revisions and installation of the following new officers: Director, Fran Gossley; Director of Flower Show School, Evelyn Partridge; and Treasurer, Laverne Erickson. She also asked all to attend. Green Thumbs and Little Garden Club are being asked for raffle donations for the District Meeting, registration for which is scheduled for 9:30, with the meeting to begin at 10:00

Penny also noted that District IX has been given the assignment of providing centerpieces and table favors for the Awards Banquet at the National Convention. Avant Garde club has agreed to do the design for the centerpieces and may or may not require help in completing them. Table favors will consist of sets of postcards of the Illinois prairie by Mary and Lloyd McCarthy. Volunteers are needed to bag the postcards, tentatively scheduled for the Botanic Garden the week following the State convention.

Sam Oliver brought up a current problem with providing a recycling bin at the CFC donation site.

The meeting was adjourned, and we were invited to partake of refreshments so graciously provided by our hostess and President. The next meeting will be held at the Field House, March 18, 1986.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Shaw

Secretary

AGENDA
COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS
Jan. 21, 1986

- ✓ 1. Roll Call - names and clubs. Changes? Yearbooks?
- ✓ 2. Minutes - Nov. 19, 1985
- ✓ 3. Treasurer's Report
- ✓ 4. Publicity/ Historian
- ✓ 5. Conservation
- ✓ 6. Old Business:
 - ✓ a. Christmas Assignments: Thank You
 - ✓ b. Sunny Hill School request update
 - ✓ c. Council Code of Procedures: OK as is?
 - ✓ d. Fertilizer: Carol McClintock - 381-3403
 - e.
7. New Business:
 - ✓ a. Trees for Tomorrow: Vote to approve scholarship for summer of 1986
 - ✓ b. Council Dues: \$10. per club - \$1 for each active member for Arbor Day due to Betty McLaughlin
 - ✓ c. Arbor Day: Friday, April 25 -
Chairman-Margie Lou Moran (381-2923)-Countryside Garden Class
Assistant- Village Planters
 - ✓ d. Planter Box: Wednesday, May 21
Chairmen-Mary Gallagher and Helen Withrow-Little Garden Club
Assistant- Country Home and Garden
 - e.
8. New officers:

President -
Secretary - Kathy Davis
Treasurer - Betty McLaughlin
9. Announcements:
 - a. Gardening Study Course IV --Feb. 24, 25, 26
 - b. District IX Meeting --Algauers - March 3
 - c. Landscape Design Study Course II - April 7, 8, 9
 - d. State Convention - April 14
 - e. Flower Show School - April 29³⁰ Course 1

f. National Council Convention - May 25,26,27,28

Next Council Meeting at the Park - March 18