

Council of Barrington Garden Clubs

March 13, 1996, Barrington Area Library

In attendance:

Country Home and Garden Club:

Mary Kuhrtz, Margaret Owen, Susan Zick

Countryside Garden Class:

Polly Grafton, Jill Hidding

Field and Flower Garden Club:

Caryl Johnson, Joanne Larson, Carol McClintock, Ruth Ryan

The Garden Club of Barrington:

Mary Bates, Kay Golitz, Mary Bates

Green Thumbs of Barrington:

Marie Collins, Toni Norbeck, Daria Sapp

Little Garden Club of Barrington:

Peggy Graham, Shirley Magner, Betty McLaughlin

Village Planters:

Jan Hilgers

Conservation:

Sam Oliver

President Ruth Ryan called the meeting to order. She thanked Caryl Johnson and Irene LaCesa for the refreshments and Kay Golitz for distributing the completed Code of Procedure.

The minutes of January 10, 1996 stand approved as corrected.

The treasurer, Susan Zick, reported that the checking account balance is \$963.50 and the savings account balance is \$3,260.22, giving the Council total assets of \$4,223.72.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Reports:

Arbor Day Committee - Shirley Magner and Joanne Larson

Shirley reported that 675 white pine seedlings and 700 copies of the informational materials that will be distributed with the seedlings have been ordered. The instructional letters to the Arbor Day volunteers will be sent out soon with a lesson plan for the classroom. Flyers have been sent to the schools and publicity will be sent shortly. The seedlings are to be picked by the volunteers on April 25 from 11:00-12:00 at Pasquesi's. Hopefully, a white pine branch and seed cone will be included with the seedlings. Joanne will decorate the library display case in April. The following school assignments for Arbor Day were made:

Country Home and Garden Club	Lines School
Countryside Garden Class	St Anne School and Hough Street School
Field and Flower Garden Club	Grove Avenue School
The Garden Club of Barrington	Countryside School
Green Thumbs of Barrington	Roslyn Road School
Little Garden Club of Barrington	North Barrington School
Village Planters Garden Club	Sunny Hill School and Woodland School

Toni Norbeck volunteered to apply for an Arbor Day Award through the Garden

Clubs of Illinois. President Ryan reminded clubs that The Garden Clubs of Illinois under a National Council of State Garden Clubs program is asking for a count of trees planted in Illinois. She encouraged all clubs to participate in the count.

Planter Boxes Committee - Suzanne Hanifl and Irene LaCesa
In their absence Caryl Johnson reported that "everything was under control."

Beautification Committee - Joyce Simpson and Charlotte Thoma
Joyce requested that clubs that have not done so turn in the names and addresses of their representatives. The job descriptions will be mailed to the representatives at the end of April.

National Garden Week - Irene LaCesa and Marie Collins
Marie encouraged all garden club members to attend the Village of Barrington's board meeting when the proclamation declaring National Garden Week is signed. Four clubs will be assigned to decorate one of the 4 library cases during the Month of June using the theme, "Growing Trees."

Conservation - Sam Oliver
The Citizens For Conservation Newsletter was distributed to club presidents along with an invitation to attend a fund raiser, "Native Gardens Walk" on May 11, 1996 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.
On April 20, 1996, the Barrington Park District, the Village of Barrington, the JFK Health World, and CFC will sponsor an Earth Day celebration, "Earth Care, Earth Watch." See the CFC Newsletter for a schedule of events.

Educational Focus Committee - Carol McClintock
Carol reported that a copy of "Chicagoland Gardening" was distributed to all Barrington garden club members by the Educational Focus Committee.
Both the April 11 program on garden design and the April 18 program on suitable plantings has been well publicized, but she reminded the Council that participants must pre-register.
On August 1, 8, 15 and 22, Penny Horne will conduct flower arranging classes for students at all levels of competency. The series of classes costs \$100, but students may elect to take as many classes as they want at \$30 per class. Pre-registration is a must.
The program on basic design principles by Mary Walker entitled "Flower Power" will be presented on September 19th at a cost of \$5.

NEW BUSINESS:

Countryside Garden Class confirmed that they would be doing the planting at the Gazebo Park. Kay Golitz reported that there was \$150 in the Council treasury which had been donated by the Chamber of Commerce and could be used toward the plantings.

Caryl Johnson suggested that Council volunteer to host the District IX 1997 Annual Meeting. After some discussion President Ryan requested that the Council members ask their clubs for direction. Council will vote at the May meeting to determine if there is any interest in hosting the meeting.

President Ryan was asked by the Barrington Area Library if the Council would

present a short one hour gardening program to BACOA members during a workshop conducted at the library on May 15, 1996. Ruth Ryan and Daria Sapp volunteered to arrange for a program for the group. Kay Golitz volunteered to do a program on planting amaryllis bulbs.

Motion: Peggy Graham moved that the Council participate in the BACOA program, seconded by Kay Golitz. The motion passed.

Toni Norbeck asked for donations of plants to be sold at a plant sale she is holding at the McKinley School in Cicero, a first grade youth club sponsored by Green Thumbs of Barrington Garden Club. The money goes to purchase school lunches for under privileged children.

Shirley Magner recommended that the Council adopt a logo. Clubs were requested to ask their members to submit designs for a logo.

Members were reminded to pick up a copy of the "Code of Procedure" and write their names and club names on the copy and pass it on to new Council representatives for review.

Field and Flower passed out invitations to their May 11 plant sale.

Caryl Johnson, again, shared her compilation of upcoming events with Council members.

Kay Golitz passed out brochure from Perennial Passions/D.B. Duensey & Co. who are available to do programs for garden clubs.

Kay Golitz has spoken with a reporter from the Chicago Tribune who is writing an article on gardening in Barrington.

Betty McLaughlin reported that BADC and the Barrington Area Library are working together to put all the Barrington non-profit organizations "on line."

Mary Kuhrtz reminded everyone to vote in the primary election on March 19, 1996

May refreshments will be provided by Polly Grafton and Jill Hidding.

Motion: Susan Zick moved for adjournment, seconded by Caryl Johnson.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 8, 1996, 9:30 at the Barrington Area Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Daria Sapp, Secretary

This copy includes the corrections from the May 8, 1996 meeting