

Council of Barrington Garden Clubs

May 8, 1996, Barrington Area Library

In attendance:

Country Home and Garden Club:

Margaret Owen, Barbara Stanley

Countryside Garden Class:

Polly Grafton, Jill Hidding, Louise Sullivan

Field and Flower Garden Club:

Caryl Johnson, Irene La Cesa, Joanne Larson, Carol McClintock, Ruth Ryan

The Garden Club of Barrington:

Kay Golitz, Helen Withrow

Green Thumbs of Barrington:

Marie Collins, Toni Norbeck, Daria Sapp

Little Garden Club of Barrington:

Peggy Graham, Shirley Magner

Village Planters:

Suzanne Hanifl, Jan Hilgers

Conservation:

Sam Oliver

President Ruth Ryan called the meeting to order. She thanked Polly Grafton and Jill Hidding for providing refreshments.

The minutes of March 13, 1996 stand approved as corrected.

In the treasurer's absence, Ruth distributed the treasurer's report. The checking account balance is \$1320.71 and the savings account balance is \$3,283.90 giving the Council total assets of \$4,604.61.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Reports:

Arbor Day Committee -- Shirley Magner and Joanne Larson

Shirley reported that Arbor Day was very successful, 662 white pine seedlings were distributed to the fourth grade students. The financial report has been completed and the actual expenses from the project were under the proposed budget. Shirley praised Pasquesi's for being so accommodating and reported that they had replaced two trees that had not lived from the 1995 Arbor Day plantings.

Frank Cole, the representative for the area principals and Shirley discussed the alternating Arbor Day program where seedlings are distributed to the fourth graders one year and the following year a large tree is donated to each elementary school. The principals favored the alternating program, so the committee will continue to alternate between the two types of distribution.

Toni Norbeck volunteered to apply for an Arbor Day Award through the Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. Irene La Cesa pointed out that since The Council was not a member of GCI the award could only be applied for by a member club.

MOTION: Irene La Cesa moved that The Council of Barrington Garden Clubs become an affiliate member of the Garden Clubs of Illinois. Seconded by Kay Golitz and passed unanimously. Daria Sapp will make the arrangements with GCI.

Planter Boxes - Suzanne Hanifl and Irene La Cesa

Suzanne reported that the committee had decided to use red, white, and blue flowers to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the project which began as a 1976 bicentennial celebration activity. The planting will be done on Wednesday, May 22. There are now 17 merchants participating in the project which is slightly lower than in previous years. Carol Beese, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has expressed some concern that the merchants are not maintaining the plantings in the planter boxes. Council also expressed this concern. During the ensuing discussion many suggestions for improving the existing project were given to the chairperson. Peggy Graham suggested that the entire planter box project be reevaluated in the fall. It was decided to include the Village of Barrington and the Chamber of Commerce in the evaluation discussions.

Beautification Committee - Joyce Simpson and Charlotte Thoma

No report was given.

National Garden Week - Irene La Cesa and Marie Collins

Irene distributed a calendar of events detailing the activities in the community celebrating National Garden Week. On May 13th both Governor Edgar and Mayor Hamelberg will officially proclaim National Garden Week. A ginkgo tree dedicated to the children of Barrington will be planted at Beese Park on June 2 at 1:30. The Barrington Historical Society and the Fox Valley Herbal Society will conduct tours of the five herbal gardens on the grounds of the Society from 1:00-3:00 on June 4. An invitation was distributed inviting all garden club members to attend the program, "Nature in Three Dimensions" by Mary Ann Fennelly at 1:30 at the Barrington Area Library which will be followed by tours of the library grounds. Irene asked the club presidents to encourage all of their garden club members to attend the planned activities. There will also be window designs displayed in the library, a banner hung at Gazebo Plaza, and coloring contest entries exhibited at the Ice House. Area churches will include references to "The Garden" in their newsletters.

Conservation - Sam Oliver

Sam announced that CFC's native gardens walk had had an overwhelming response. She also announced that the students completing their Junior Naturalist Programs would be receiving recognition at their school's awards assembly. The National Honor Society worked with CFC cutting brush as one of their community projects.

Educational Focus Committee - Carol McClintock

Carol reported that the last two programs presented by Tony Tysnik and George Ware were very well attended with 75 attendees at the first program and 69 at the second program. A financial report was distributed showing receipts of \$1287.30 and disbursements of \$778.04 with a profit of \$509.26. Carol noted that the committee's goal was not to make a profit but to educate the community through gardening programs. She urged presidents to encourage their members to attend the flower design program by Penny Horne offered on 4 Thursdays in August at a cost of \$100 and a basic design principles program by Mary Walker, September 19 at a cost of \$5.

Garden Therapy Workshop - Ruth Ryan

The Garden Therapy Workshop provided by the Council to area seniors at the Barrington Area Library will be presented on May 15th. Ruth Ryan, Daria Sapp and Irene La Cesa will discuss tools, containers and plants that can be used in

the garden to encourage and aid senior gardening.

1997 Rotation of Chairpersons - Ruth Ryan

The 1997 rotation of chairmen is due. Ruth requested that the following clubs send her the names of the assistants from their clubs before the September Council meeting.

Arbor Day Assistant - Country Home and Garden
Planter Boxes Assistant - Green Thumbs
Beautification Assistant - Little Garden Club

District IX Annual Meeting - Ruth Ryan

At the previous Council meeting, it was suggested that the Council hostess the District IX annual meeting for 1997. Ruth called for a vote.

ACTION: The members unanimously voted to hostess the meeting.

Toni Norbeck volunteered to cochair the committee. A steering committee was appointed made up of Toni Norbeck, Peggy Graham, Irene La Cesa, Daria Sapp, and Marie Collins.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peggy Graham reported that she had been contacted by the committee staging the 1996 Horse Show. The committee asked if the Council would be willing to judge the floral entries displayed by the jumps and donate a trophy to the winning entry. Countryside Garden Class will ask their club to provide the judges and the trophy instead of Council.

The Barrington Park District is requesting donations of trees to be planted at the Park District. Anyone interested in information on donating trees should contact Tom Tayler, Executive Director of the Barrington Park District.

Announcements:

May 11 - Field and Flower Plant Sale, Jewel Parking Lot
May 18 - Green Thumbs Plant Sale, Lagendorf Park
June 22 - Show of Summer at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Mary Bates has tickets for the lecture on kitchen gardens
August 12 - GCI Summer Meeting, Bull Valley Country Club, registration chairperson: Mary Walker 815-459-6297

September refreshments will be provided by Kay Golitz.

MOTION: Helen Withrow moved for adjournment, seconded by Caryl Johnson

The next meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1996, 9:30 at the Barrington Area Library

Respectfully submitted,

Daria Sapp, Secretary