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Minutes - May 20, 1980 Meeting of the  
Barrington Council of Garden Clubs

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Penny Horne, with the following 14 members present: Betty Keating, Green Thumbs of Barrington; Margaret Kerr and Maxine Borah, Countryside Garden Class; Ann Matz and Carol McClintock, Field & Flower Garden Club; Penny Horne & Sheila Hurley, Garden Club of Barrington; Ginny Schomberg & Pat Wadlington, Prairie State Garden Club; Anita Heron and Sam Oliver, Country Home & Garden Club; Peg Faxon, Village Planters of Barrington; Helen Withrow & Ginny Hardy; Little Garden Club.

As Charmaine Finnerty was not present, the minutes of the March 18th meeting were not read.

Ann Matz, Treasurer, reported a checking account balance of \$1,017.77 and savings of \$770.64. She had sent a check for Mike Bilman for the Trees for Tomorrow program in August and said she had a letter of thanks from him.

1980 and 1981 Flower Show Reports - Maxine Borah

She said we were judged 95 or above out of a 100 point scale by all <sup>15</sup> ~~16~~ National Council Judges. For this we received the top State Award - a Green Rosette. This enabled us to send in a book of evidence and we then received the top National Council Award -- a pink rosette.

The Ice House will be available for the 1981 Show, with the addition expected to be completed in August 1980. We also asked for the use of the shop windows again. Mary Galvin has agreed to again be dinner and/or cocktail party chairman. Maxine has asked and is hoping the following people will accept these assignments: Co-Chairman, Penny Horne; Staging Chairman, Sam Oliver; Horticulture Chairman, Carol McClintock; and possibly Mary Phillips for the Juniors Chairman.

September will be the first meeting for the Flower Show Committee. Someone is still needed to host the Publicity Luncheon in Spring 1981 and the Judges Luncheon the day of the Show. If anyone is interested, they should contact Maxine. She will have the full list of donations ready for the first meeting.

Secretary

Penny announced the new Secretary will be JoAnne Larson of Village Planters and was very happy with the enthusiasm JoAnne expressed about the job -- saying she would have the old blue notebook zeroxed and ready for our Fall meeting.

Revisions to Bi-Laws

Some changes to the Code of Procedure of the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs (copy attached) were proposed. All were accepted as

written, with the exceptions as shown here: Item 5. Add the sentence "A minimum of \$1.00 per member shall be assessed."

Item 10b: Add the sentence "This shall constitute dues."

Also, there was a discussion and it was clarified that the "Trees for Tomorrow" money shall be a yearly decision.

#### Helen Withrow - Publicity/Historian Report

Helen showed us the recent photograph of Maxine and Claudia Mandabach, with the accompanying article concerning the top awards we won.

Anita Heron gave Helen the Historian Files.

Arrangements have been made to have a photographer from the Barrington Courier-Review present at the flower planting on May 21st.

It was also suggested that perhaps we could get some publicity on the scholarship for Mike Billman, probably in early August.

#### Arbor Day

Pat Wadlington, Chairman, reported things ran very smoothly and that Louise Robb was a wonderful Assistant, who she feels confident will do a great job next year. She also thanked Sam Oliver for her help with the display case and said she had received many good reports about it.

It was agreed upon that the clubs will draw names every year for their school, as all clubs that switched this year were glad they had.

Clubs from all of Cook County pick a person from the Illinois Garden Clubs to be chairman for the County. As Barrington was the only one in the county to participate, Pat ended up being the Chairman and went to the Forest Preserve to get the trees. She also reported that Lake County is now in the Arbor Day program so we can get trees from Lake County if any problems arise in getting them from Cook County for Lake County use.

She was told by the Chairman in Elgin that Barrington had the best organized Arbor Day program of any town in the area. She said we should "continue doing whatever we're doing" to make it so successful as we get more trees than anybody else -- 631 trees this year.

Expenses were \$57.38, broken down as follows: Copy of rules mailed to members (400 copies) \$3.00; \$1.24 envelopes; \$2.10 postage; \$3.00 post card reminders; Florist supplies (peat, bags, etc.) \$48.04.

The Assistant Club provides coffee and rolls for the workers and pays that expense.

Barrington in Bloom

In the absence of Jane Taylor, Penny Horne read her report, which indicated all was in readiness for the May 21st planting.

The flowers were purchased from the same place as last year, Farm Market on Route #12, at the same price as last year! They are red, white and blue petunias and red impatiens.

Penny explained that we have five extra boxes to plant this year, four at the Recycling Center and one at the Historical Society. The Village Hall will also be planted, but they will pay for their flowers. The cost of the boxes is \$6.58 and the merchants are charged \$8.00. It was thought that Carol Beese of the Chamber of Commerce might object to our using their material to plant these new boxes.

Margaret Kerr recommended that we plant the boxes with the material that is usually left over. After discussion, Sheila Hurley moved, Carole McClintock seconded, and the Council voted to accept the following plan. Penny will broach Carole Beese with the suggestion that the Chamber provide the flowers and we will plant them. If this is not agreeable, then the Council will pay for the flowers at the Historical Society as our contribution to them. Penny will also call Bill Miller of the Citizens for Conservation Committee and ask if they will pay for the flowers at the Recycling Center if the Chamber will not. As a contingency plan the Council will pay for all the five boxes, if need be.

Peggy Faxon recommended that we ask the Chamber now if the merchants will pay for these five boxes next year, so we won't be faced with this decision again and it was agreed that Penny would do this.

Trees for Tomorrow

Penny received a letter from Mike Bolin, Assistant Extension Forester, Co-op Extension Service, College of Agriculture at the University of Illinois, thanking us for sponsoring Mike Billman. Mike will speak at our September Council meeting after he attends the program in August.

Conservation - There was no report.

Beautification Committee

Penny met with Bruce Trego, Acting Village Manager, on May 13th to discuss the CNWRR area. He gave her a copy of the plans for landscaping the depot area, which was prepared by Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc. and which would probably be planted by Brickman. Some of the plants shown were Sumac, Juniper and Spirea.

It is our understanding work will begin sometime this summer and will be paid for by the Village of Barrington, with the help of Federal Funding.

Formerly, Theodore Brickman had a maintenance contract for this but now the Village will handle it and will hire additional help to maintain it.

Most of the Council members felt the plan was not a very good one and want a meeting of the Committee to go over it, with the hope that some club may have members who have taken Landscape Design Classes and can help with some educated suggestions.

Also discussed was the Chamber of Commerce's NW Highway Improvement Committee, composed of merchants along Route #14. As we have already offered our assistance to both Carol Beese and Bill Leeson (Chairman of the Committee and President of Barrington State Bank), it was felt that the best thing we can do now is encourage the merchants privately and wait for them to work things out.

It was noted that an item of the Village budget is the project of landscaping US#14, with the master plan being to get support from the Chamber of Commerce and setting up a special tax district.

Work is also scheduled for summer for changing the curve at Hillside and Dundee.

#### Library Prairie Garden

Carol McClintock of Field and Flower Club told us they began this 21' x 18' Prairie Garden at the Library about 2 or 3 years ago. However, she said they have not had much success with it as many of the original plants died, the soil is poor, and it has been difficult to cultivate. Do to lack of help, they hired boys last year to do the work. In April they decided they could not maintain it any longer, but since they have done so much work on it, they wonder if any other club and/or clubs would like to take it over. She suggested that it need not remain a Prairie Garden, but could become a perennial garden or some other display area.

Betty Keating of Green Thumbs indicated her club might be interested and asked if Village Planters might want to do it with them. Both clubs will take the suggestion to their members and let Carole McClintock know their decision as soon as possible.

#### Library Christmas Assignments

These will be announced in September. It was voted that we will continue decorating the front doors, most probably using wreaths similar to last year's, because of the difficulty of attaching anything else.

Other Business

Peg Faxon asked if the Secretary from Village Planters was expected to move up to the Presidency. She was told this was not necessary, but that one of the four representatives they are to provide must accept the office.

Fall Meeting

The next meeting will be September 16, 1980 at 9:00AM at Langendorf Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Faxon,  
Village Planters Garden Club  
(In the absence of JoAnne Larsen)