

COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS

November 11, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. at Langendorf Field House by President Kathi Davis. In attendance were: Sam Oliver, Citizens for Conservation; Diane Montani and Bonnie Murray, Country Home and Garden; Elsa Bronton, Marilyn Sievert, and Margaret Kerr, Countryside Garden Class; Claudia Mandabach, Field and Flower; Mary Jo Garre, Garden Club of Barrington; Fran Colburn, Betty Simpson, and Kathi Davis, Green Thumbs; Helen Withrow, Peggy Graham, and Betty McLaughlin, Little Garden Club; and Marge Rypkema and Joanne Larson from Village Planters.

Kathi introduced Claudia Mandabach as the new president of Field and Flower. A new list of Council Representatives was passed out and Kathi again asked for a current yearbook from each club.

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 16 were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Diane reported a balance of \$341.23 in our Checking Account and \$312.52 in Savings for a total of \$653.75. She asked that clubs submit their membership totals to her. The balance statement of the 1985 Flower Show was passed out and discussed. A net loss of \$1078.31 was recorded.

Conservation: Sam Oliver reported that solid waste disposal was the major concern voiced in a <sup>nationwide</sup> survey conducted by the Illinois Association of Recycling Centers. The new Barrington Recycling Center is located at the west end of West Liberty St. The tree and flower boxes donated by Council are still located on the old site. The Saturday nature study classes sponsored by CFC continue each month. The prairie restoration project has moved indoors as the gathered seeds are being frozen or grown in flats in volunteers' homes. Call 382-SAVE to help. Also, Sam was advised that Council as a non-profit organization should keep cancelled checks for 3-4 years, bank statements for 4-5 years, and minutes indefinitely.

Old Business: Mary Jo Garre announced that Barrington is considering the possibility of using The Main Street Concept for our community with the major change of the Jewel withdrawal from downtown. This may involve hiring a Public Relations person to be responsible for the downtown area.

Helen Withrow commented that Ro Douglass has been gathering bulbs for the Middle School students to plant in their courtyard. Council will continue to serve as advisor for this project. She reported that the village has officially purchased the land for Lageschulte Park. The objective is to create an attractive, natural, and easy to maintain park. Klehms is providing the layout work and twelve to fifteen trees, Kottke will provide the needed heavy equipment, Olsen Distributors will donate several hundred pounds of grass seed and Little Garden Club and Garden Club of Barrington will provide advice. Helen showed and explained Klehm's plan for this park. Kathi and Helen will check to see if our tree from the old recycling center might be moved to this site. Money is still needed for additional shrubs, bushes, and junipers. The village will also develop a maintenance program for the park.

Kathi mentioned that Garden Club of Barrington is responsible for the Christmas decorations for only the main desk at the library.

Margaret Kerr passed out a list of committees needing chairmen and volunteers for our Standard Flower Show. The Steering Committee met and hopes to hold the show in conjunction with the reopening of the Historical Society either at the Society building or a nearby church. The second week of September, 1987, is the possible date for a Fall Festival or Station Street Fair type of event. Maxine Borah, Claudia Mandabach, and Martha Given will do the schedule, Carol Mc Clintock will do publicity with some experienced help, Betty McLaughlin - entry chairman, and Carol Horschke volunteered to handle the preview dinner. More details will be available for our January meeting.

Kathi suggested adding Ways and Means to the list of committees for the flower show. We may sell advertising to help cover expenses. Also, the price of the Friday evening Preview Dinner will be raised with donations encouraged from those unable to attend the dinner. All Garden Clubs should encourage their members to attend Flower Show School this Spring to prepare for the show.

Diane reminded everyone to obtain prior approval from Council for expenses and to keep receipts and records for reimbursements from the Treasury.

Margaret Kerr reported that the Fox Valley Herb Society has again asked to be included in some way on our Council. After much discussion, she made the motion to extend an invitation to the Herb Society to join The Council of Barrington Garden Clubs as a regular voting member if they so wish. Mary Jo seconded, and the motion was accepted. Kathi will write the invitation.

Mary Jo passed the 1985 Flower Show Book around.

New Business: Denise Israel needs your list of volunteers for our Arbor Day project by the January meeting.

Kathi passed around copies of the proposed revisions to the Council Code of Procedure and asked that everyone review them before our January meeting. Most of the revisions are just bringing the Code up to date with the way things are done today. She stressed more reporting of Standing Committees to the Council. Discussion and changes will be made at our January 13 meeting.

Announcements: Jr. Women's Club Cornucopia is on Nov. 13 at the K of C Hall. The Geneva C of C Christmas House Tour will be on Dec. 5. The deadline for Barrington Area Arts Council Grants is Dec. 1. The Barrington Infant Welfare Society annual Luminaria Sale will be Dec. 13 and 20 at the Park District. GCI Floral Design Benefit will be held on Feb. 13 at the McDonalds Lodge in Oak Brook. GCI will host the Midwest Trees Workshop at Morton Arboretum on March 4. The GCI State Flower Show will be held on March 13, 14, and 15 at the Field Museum in Chicago.

Peggy Graham,  
Secretary