

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting
January 10, 2001
9:30 AM
at the home of Mrs. Richard Coveny

Present: Mdmes. Baker, Coveny, Cunningham, Ferguson, Hamilton, Hennessey, Johnson, Kendrick, Kennedy, Montross (L.L.), Mossman, Pierce, Redmon, Robinson and Winans

Mary Kendrick called the meeting to order at 9:45 and thanked Linda Coveny for her hospitality.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Helen Kennedy announced that the next Executive Committee Meeting will be in the Vestry Room at St. Matthew's on Feb. 7th.

Treasurer: Liddy Baker gave the good news that the Treadway family has contributed \$5,000 to our Endowment Fund. Susan specified that it should augment the Mullen Fund, in appreciation of the trips she was privileged to take over the years. Liddy explained that Anne Polk had raised the money two years ago to cover the extraordinary expenses related to the John Jay Gardens. A sizable number of Assessment payments have been received. These will be accounted for as a separate item in the future.

Announcements: Mary commented on how well Greensday went and how much Bitsy Tatnall's demonstration added to the occasion. She asked about the location of our club's two beverage pots. The head-hostess stores them. Because of Joyce Espy's mother's death, they were unavailable. One new pot was purchased. The smaller of the other two is used for tea water. The eye-glasses collected on Greensday were deposited in a box in the Mt. Kisco Medical Group lobby. Mary wanted to know the history of our supplying a plant or flowers in January to the Meditation Room at the hospital. Cindy Swank received a note from Jean DiMicco reminding the club of our agreement. Bonnie Trotta took care of the situation this year. It was decided that Exhibitions should take over the responsibility and that expenses, approximately \$50-\$100 should come out of the Discretionary Fund. The Bedford Free Library used to be on our list, also. We assume that because of their building project, we have not been reminded. Margie Pierce will ask a member of the Board about the library's future needs.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Civic Affairs and Conservation:

Mary reported on a conversation she had with Olivia Farr regarding the Mt. Kisco Community Gardens. To date, Olivia's committee consists of: Lyn Goodhue, Kim Morris and Louise Talbot. The Mt. Kisco Beautification Committee would like gardens dotted about the community. Our committee thought we should concentrate on one, unless Olivia can generate more interest from willing workers.

Janet Robinson is collecting for Obex today.

Connie Hamilton reported that the October 19th, Adopt-a-Road project was successful, thanks to 8-10 people reporting for action and Betty Wamsley's securing the helmets and bags for the workers.

RE:GCA projects. Mary reported that it was important not to lose sight of the seed study group/seed bank and conservation profile about which she learned at the GCA Presidents Meeting.

Polly Winans spoke about how Tanya Lowe struggles to get volunteers to attend the Bedford Town Board and Planning Board meetings. When it was brought up that The Bedford Record-Review covers these meetings thoroughly. Polly emphasized how appreciative the Town committee members are of our interest and attendance, both of which show our support. Libby Mossman thought that it should be a requirement of at least the active members. It takes two people to cover these meetings. It was suggested that a grid form be circulated by the Conservation Committee at our next meeting on which members will be asked to fill in the meetings that are not already being covered. Hopefully, someone will emphasize that those who sign up are responsible for getting a substitute, if necessary.

Exhibitions:

It was Louise Talbot who got us our speaker for January. David Beahm is renowned for his programs. Mary Helen Kennedy reminded us that we are sharing the meeting with the Ridgefield Garden Club.

Horticulture:

Varner Redmon will be sending out notices about a seed planting workshop for the GCA Plant Exchange, at Caramoor, at the end of January. In answer to a question, she said it was too early to bring in the Greenfingers bulbs. She will notify growers when it is time.

Membership:

Nonie Reynders will give a report at our February meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clippings:

Mary reminded us to submit material. Clippings will go to press one week late. Bonnie is on jury duty and Cindy is away.

Historian:

Polly gave us information about the history of The Founders Fund that was formed in 1934 the first prize was awarded in 1936.

Nominating Committee:

A report will be given at the February Executive Committee meeting.

Projects:

Mary complimented Kim Morris and Storrs Cote, in absentia, for the beautiful articles they produced for the Greensday sale and for the funds these generated for the club.

Public Relations:

Margie Pierce reminded us that the February 28th meeting is the open conservation meeting. Virginia Maybank will give her Step Ogden's picture and biography for press

releases to be submitted to the three local papers.

Ways and Means:

Kirk Ferguson, because Rosemary Mankiewicz is away, was asked by the benefit committee to sound out the executives as to who should receive invitations. It was the consensus of opinion that they should be sent to all Rusticus members, special friends who have supported our benefits in the past, and to the presidents of Ridgefield, the three in Greenwich, New Canaan, Millbrook, Stamford, Fairfield, Darien, Irvington and perhaps other lower Hudson River clubs.

Polly moved, seconded by Libby, that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret D. Pierce,
Secretary Pro Tem

These are the only
minutes I have rec'd
since Joyce replaced
Mary Ellen last July! So,
I'll share them with you

(Note from Mary Kendrick)