

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB**  
**EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday January 20, 2009**  
**At the Home of Mimi Lines**

**Present:** Mimi Lines, Polly Finn, Kim Morris, Virginia Maybank, Marilyn Tilt, Shelby Erlich, Ellen Conrad, Bitsy Tatnall, Suzanne Bowers, Lindsay Matthews, Heather Langham

**Call to Order:** Mimi called the meeting to order.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** There was a motion to waive the reading of the report. The motion was passed.

**Recording secretary's report:** There was a motion to waive the reading of the report. The motion was passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Virginia presented the treasure's report. The Greensday boutique generated approximately \$2,300 in revenue. Nancy Vincent has raised \$1,150 for benches for the John Jay Garden commemorating members Linda Wilson and Betsy Botszow.

**Agenda Topics:**

**Bedford 2020-** Ellen reported on the current developments. A detailed mission statement was written and will be voted on in the coming weeks. Bedford 2020 was officially incorporated and they are now applying for 501 C-3 status. Once this is approved BGC can turn over the \$34,888.83 being held by the BGC in a restricted account (Bedford Environmental Summit Account) to Bedford 2020. This money represents contributions by the public to the Environmental Summit in support of the causes championed by the Summit. Bedford 2020 will use the funds as seed money for environmental projects.

**A motion to give the funds in the BGC Bedford Environmental Account to Bedford 2020 was put forward by Virginia Maybank. The motion was passed.**

The committee members present feel that because Bedford 2020 is carrying on the work BGC was instrumental in starting, a strong argument can be made that BGC grant applications should be considered in this context.

**Centennial Founders Fund Project at Central Park- The 69<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance and the Dene Summer House Landscape:** GCA has asked each GCA Club to contribute \$25 per member to help fund this project.

**Ellen Conrad put forward a motion stipulating that each BGC member will be assessed a \$25 contribution to the GCA Founder's Project. The motion was passed.**

**(Mimi, the motion did not stipulate whether this assessment pertains to all members: active, sustaining, associate, and affiliates?)**

Mimi will write up a card to send out to members. Pre- communication of project and assessment will be sent out in an e-mail.

### **Committee Reports**

**Exhibition:** Leslie plans to have an in house flower show –the winning arrangements will be entered in the Irvington and Rye Flower Shows in April.

**Horticulture:** Rachel’s plans for the spring include seed propagation, planter and tree grafting workshops. She also plans to organize entries for the Irvington and Rye Flower Shows in April.

### **Communications:**

- Elizabeth Bernard has, to her great credit, written and submitted an article on the Environmental Summit to the *GCA Bulletin*.
- *Clippings* is in the works! It will be filled with all sorts of informative and newsy articles you won’t want to miss. Find out what exciting things are being planned for the spring.

**Membership:** Suzanne has extended the time for submission of prospective members’ letters. She would like the letters by March and the vote will be taken in April. Suzanne is also working on compiling an updated data file on each member. Her committee will divide up the membership list to accomplish this. Each member will have the opportunity to view their file and to make additions and corrections.

### **Civic:**

**Anderson Memorial Garden at the Northern Westchester-** Kathy Moreau informed BGC that Rusticus was asked if they would be interested in taking over the Anderson Garden. BGC has a long history with this garden (Ruth Sharpe was very involved) that should not be terminated. (Apparently an annual tea was held but all present agreed that this ritual is no longer practical or needed.) Mimi will visit the Garden to assess the situation and the condition of the garden. She will also look into BGC history for information on the original gift. Further discussion and review are needed before defining the scope of our commitment.

**Vegetable Garden Tour scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>** – This fundraiser (being organized by Carol Bouyoucos and her committee) will have a strong community outreach component. How-to workshops promoting the environmental benefits of planting a vegetable garden and a farmer’s market will part of the day, along with lunch and staggered tours in the am and pm. This event will promote the work of the BGC and is a step toward our Centennial.

**February 7<sup>th</sup>- Westchester Community Gardens** (Intergenerate) is sponsoring an expo at the Community Center in White Plains from 1:00- 3:00. BGC is a sponsor and 4 members are needed to volunteer that day.

**Trips:**

A trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show (2/28 – 3/7) is being planned. Stay tuned for more details.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Langham