

**Bedford Garden Club  
Executive Committee Meeting  
201 Croton Lake Road  
October 11, 2017  
9:30 a.m.**

**Attendance:** Liza Clymer, Robin Ashley, Carol Bouyoucos, Ellen Conrad, Janet Conner, Tori Cox, Wendy Foulke, Mary Kendrick, Nancy Kronenberg, Heather Langham, Diane Lewis, Lynda Morris, Varner Redmon, Janet Robinson, Nancy Vincent, Dana Worlock, Holly Warshaw, Tina Winchester

**President:**

Liza Clymer graciously welcomed us to the second meeting of the Fall season.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Tina Winchester reported that our "Flower Power" Fundraiser exceeded expectations with the final numbers due out in late October.

Some members' annual dues still are outstanding.

Related to club funds, Varner Redmon proposed that Liza form a small committee to go over how the funds are used.

Nancy Vincent suggested that we start a fund for the club president and other members who travel for annual national club meetings.

Varner reported that money left over from the Governor's Island trip this Fall is being given to the club.

Heather Langham enthusiastically praised all the members who made the Flower Power Party such a success with their tickets purchases and donations along with their bar, food and auction contributions. She thanked everyone for her hard work, efforts and generosity. Because of this, she said, we'll be able to fund ourselves for the next two years.

Liza suggested that we take photos of these types of events and put them on our website.

**Membership**

Liza announced that the Membership Committee had met in September to move forward with the nomination of Martha Stewart as a member. Susan Burke had proposed Martha Stewart; Jayni Chase was the seconder; letters of support were written by Kim Morris, Denise Santomero and Wendy Foulke. After reading aloud the letters supporting her membership, the committee's vote was a unanimous "yes"! Liza will convey our decision and pleasure in her membership to Martha and will email the exciting news to our membership. She will make a formal announcement on Greens Day.

**Programs:**

The next program will be on Oct. 25th at Historical Hall. Tim Stanley will speak about his book, *Birds, Bees and Other Agents of Change*.

**Horticulture:**

Robin Ashley and Dana Worlock are planning to hold a workshop on growing and caring for roses. At the next general meeting they will hand out catalogues with high quality rose bushes for us to order.

**Conservation:** Ellen Conrad and Jayni Chase spoke of a new excellent video which gives a clear explanation of composting to enrich the soil. They said that the video should be on our web-site soon.

Ellen reported that we are exploring participation in a demonstration solar panel habitat garden at Goshen, N.Y. where we might help with the planting of native plant seeds.

**Floral Design:** Wendy Cushman told us that the GCA feels that flower arranging is a vital part of being a member of the organization. To this end, she is planning to have both technical and informal flower arranging workshops. The first of such, scheduled for November 1, will be a workshop led by floral designer Nadia Shannam in the use of sustainable native plant material in floral arrangements.

**Visiting Gardens:**

Varner Redmon reported that the trip to Governors Island on Oct. 4th had been wonderful with an amazing and instructive tour guide. They toured and heard about the “Billion Oyster Project”, the New York Harbor Hills High School and the new large native plant area. It was so inspiring that they plan to return there this spring.

**Internship Program:**

Tori Cox said that one of our two Interns this year spent the summer at the Bedford Audubon and the other was at Westmoreland Conservancy. They worked on getting rid of invasives, redesigning gardens and creating stone paths.

Mary Kendrick suggested that the Project Review Committee be joined with the Internship Program as they are focused on the same goals.

**Other issues:**

The GCA Zone 3 meeting will be on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Liza will be attending and encouraged others to join.

Reasonable Bag Project. There is a petition out with the initiative to reduce the use of plastic bags. Liza said the Bedford Garden Club would be signing and supporting the petition.

There is an award lunch event to honor Susan Burke among others for her very generous support of native gardens and other environmental projects. It will be held on Nov. 8th at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. Carol Bouyoucos encouraged us to sign up for it.

Respectively submitted minutes from Wendy Foulke for Linda Merrill