

for agenda

The Bedford Garden Club
Executive Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 2000
9:30 A. M.

The February Executive meeting of the BGC was held at St. Matthews on Wednesday, February 2, 2000. Present were Mesdames Babcock, Baker, Borner, Coveny, Cunningham, Dwyer, Edgar, Ehrlich, Espy, Ferguson, Hamilton, Kendrick, Mossman, Pierce, Polk, Redmon, Reynders, Rice, Ross, Trotta Weisser, Winans and Witmer

Mary Kendrick began the meeting by having the Recording Secretary, Mary Ellen Weisser read an excerpt of a letter from the Corresponding Secretary, Mary Helen Kennedy concerning Memoriams written about two recently deceased member of the BGC, Mrs Ruth Sharp and Mrs. Mary Claus.

Connie Hamilton made a motion that the minutes from the last meeting of the BGC be waived and Carol Rice seconded it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candy Borner made a motion that we have an Executive meeting in early November of 2000 and not on Greens Day in December. Liddy Baker seconded it. It was voted on and passed.

Mary Kendrick has scheduled Greens Day at Westmorland Sanctuary for the years 2000 and 2001.

STANDING COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP

Nonie said all the necessary papers for the prospective new members are all in place.

TREASURERS REPORT

Liddy Baker read her report.

Regular	\$22,779.61
C & E	2,795.27
John Jay	<u>4,108.40</u>
Balance	\$29,683.28

EXHIBITIONS

Linda Coveny spoke about up and coming Flower Shows and other events. There was a general discussion suggesting everyone get a schedule of each Standing Committee event and how we all have a core responsibility to participate in our particular committee event.

Varner make a motion that we all support our various committee events because we have a responsibility as a member of the GCA. Linda Coveny seconded it. It was voted on and passed.

New format for SPECIAL COMMITTEES
 Hort - Reinvigorated planting day: Pyramids, Dix, Bookcase
 AWARDS *short meeting. Then go out to our assigned plots - Then go home*

Libby Mossman said her Awards Committee had met recently and wanted to nominate Nancy Vincent for the GCA Approved Medal of Merit Award. This is awarded to someone for exceptional merit in the area of a member club. Nancy has held many jobs, excelled in all, but especially in her outstanding leadership.

Mary Kendrick proposed Nancy Vincent be the recipient of the GCA Medal of Merit Award. Nonie seconded it. The executive committee voted and it was unanimously passed.

CLIPPINGS

Mary Kendrick and the Executive Committee congratulated Cindy Dwyer on the recent issue of Clippings.

HISTORIAN

Polly Winans read an excerpt from our BGC History. It was a story written in 1918 for a GCA meeting. It was about the Bedford unit of the Farmeretts during WW I. These were farm girls who were part of the Farm Unit Plan.

POLICY

Wendy Ross and Louise Cunningham said the Policy Committee had recently met and the following is what they proposed:

Wendy and Louise proposed we continue updating the BGC policies across the board. These will then be put on record for all future members. Candy Borner made a motion to accept the proposal of the Policy Committee & Carol Rice seconded it.

It was voted on and passed.

VILLAGE CONTAINERS

Lynn Babcock has ordered the new containers and Ann Catchpole-Howell is deciding on the finials and feet. These will be used for the historic district of Bedford Village only. We will be offering the same containers to the merchants not in the historic district ~~at our wholesale price.~~

SWEEPSTAKES

Carol Rice passed out the Sweepstakes schedule for Wednesday, February 23rd. Carol needs two Horticulture and two Exhibitions judges for that meeting. Please call her.

POLICY REVIEW

- follows policy

Jean Witmer passed our job descriptions to each committee head and asked that they review the description and make any pertinent changes. These should be signed and dated and returned so we may discuss them at the April Executive meeting.

TRIPS AND VISITING GARDENS

Kirk discussed the trip to the Duke Gardens in Somerville, N. J. which will be Wednesday, February 9th.

WAYS AND MEANS

Mary Kendrick began by reading the letter of resignation from Phoebe Perry and Cynthia Mas.

A ~~very~~ lengthy discussion followed reviewing ~~what~~ ^{our} options we felt ~~were possibilities given the circumstances.~~

Libby Mossman said the GCA does not have guidelines for House and Garden Tours, but they only use members houses and gardens.

If answer is under consideration
of any non member house we might wish to include
In the future, the President of the BGC and the Membership Committee Chairman will ~~make the decision as to what we do.~~ *review the*
The Executive Committee took a vote and it was passed. *+ decide whether*

After further discussion, it was felt that because of the extenuating circumstances of the next four years: i.e. the 2001 Zone Meeting and the 2004 GCA Annual Meeting, it was suggested ~~we could possibly~~ ^{that we} assess the membership as a whole over the next three years. ^{there} It would be a designated amount for each class of membership. A long discussion followed with every angle carefully examined.

specific non members may be approached by us should we wish to include their houses & fundraising tours

ways & means chair person

Libby Mossman made the motion that ~~to alleviate the pressure on Phoebe Perry and Cytling Mas,~~ because of the unusual circumstances of the Zone Meeting in 2001 and the GCA Annual Meeting in 2004, we would assess our BGC membership as a whole over a three year period. Also, in the next twelve months, have a Long Range Planning Committee consider ways to raise the monies ^{for} the Mullen Fund. Kirk Ferguson seconded the motion and it was voted on and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Candy Borner spoke about the Policy Committee very much wanting to communicate to the membership what is going on in our club currently. In the future the minutes will be waived at the Executive meetings and at all Regular meeting we will read the highlights from the last Executive meeting.

Bonnie Trotta is working on the Alice Anderson Tea to be held on Friday, June 16th. In honor of Mrs Ruth Sharp, we should all make an effort to attend.

The next meeting will be our Regular meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd, 9:30 A.M. at St. Matthews in the Fellowship room. Bill Noble of the Garden Conservancy will speak.

The next Executive meeting will be held at Judy Talbots house on Wednesday, April 5th.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Ellen Weisser
Recording Secretary