

The Bedford Garden Club  
Executive Meeting  
Wednesday, May 3, 2000  
9:30 A. M.

The Bedford Garden Club Executive meeting was held on Wednesday, May 3rd. at the home of Candy Borner. Present were Mesdames Baker, Babcock, Borner, Coveny, Cunningham, Dwyer, Edgar, Ehrlich, Ferguson, Johnson, Kendrick, Kennedy, Kernan, Maybank, Morris, Mossman, Redmon, Rice, Ross, Pierce, Talbot, Trotta, Weisser, Winans, and Witmer.

Mary Kendrick called the meeting to order.

Mary Helen Kennedy gave the Corresponding Secretary's report and said the next Executive meeting would be at Louise Talbot's home on Wednesday, June 7th.

Margie Pierce made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting and Bonnie Trotta seconded it.

TREASURERS REPORT

Liddy Baker went over the BGC's Annual Operating budget in great detail with us.

Candy Borner proposed we accept the Operating budget. It was put to vote and accepted.

Balance on hand as of May 1, 2000

Regular	\$27,820.28
C & E	955.84
John Jay	<u>\$ 2,108.40</u>
	\$30,884.52

There was some discussion on why we give more to J. J. Gardens and less to The Caramoor Garden Guild. We decided to continue with our donations to the Student Conservation and the GCA Interchange Fellowship.

Candy proposed accepting the Proposed Annual budget for 2000. It was put to a vote and accepted.

Mary Kendrick thanked the hostesses and Candy Borner for sharing her

lovely home with us. Mary asked that we pick up the printed hand outs and quickly scan them.

### CONSERVATION

Candy Borner spoke on behalf of Olivia Farr. The possible Community Garden Project that Olivia mentioned at the last Executive meeting was briefly discussed. The majority seemed to feel that Olivia needs to write up a Proposal to the Club to see if we want to proceed with such a project at this time, in lieu of the Zone Meeting in 2001 and Annual Meeting in 2003, coming up.

Kirk Ferguson will be doing OBEX today.

### EXHIBITIONS

Linda Coveny said there will be a workshop on June 13th. We will hear more about that later.

### HORTICULTURE

Varner Redmon went over some of the events scheduled for May and June.

Dee Edgar asked that we please participate in the Plant Exchange on Planting Day. That is what BGC is all about. Anyone who has grown seedlings for the GCA please bring them to Dee's home on May 11th. at 9 A. M.

There will be a trip to Melissa Orme's Ridgefield garden on May 28th *June 25th*

### PROGRAMS

Virginia went over Planting Day and the scheduling changes for this year. The Annual meeting will be at Mrs. Waller's beautiful home on June 21st. at 2:15 P. M. Virginia passed out a tentative Programs calendar for next year and mentioned the possibility of a joint meeting with Rusticus sometime in the near future, with Martha Stewart as our guest speaker.

### TRIPS AND VISITING GARDENS

Kirk discussed the Nantucket trip.

### ALICE ANDERSON TEA

Bonnie Trotta discussed Mrs. Ruth Sharp's daughter donating a portrait of Alice Anderson to the Northern Westchester Hospital. Because of the uncertainty of where to put the portrait, we are going to wait a year to see what happens. The tea will also be postponed this year because of Mrs. Sharp's death.

### HISTORIAN

Polly Winans spoke about Delia Marble planting wild flowers.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lynn Babcock said the Committee was meeting today to fill six vacancies coming up in June. The Committee is composed of Polly Winans, Libby Mossman, Bonnie Trotta, Mary Ellen Weisser and Lynn Babcock.

The Village Tubs are at Lynn's and we need people to help paint them on Thursday, May 4th.

### POLICY COMMITTEE OR TASK FORCE

There were two printed hand out sheets explaining the procedures taken by our Club concerning the issues about to be discussed.

Wendy Ross said the Committee met on April 19th. and is composed of Wendy, Nancy Vincent, Candy Borner, Louise Cunningham, Mary Ellen Weisser and Mary Kendrick.

The topics discussed at the meeting were: Procedures for honoring deceased club members and who should attend Executive meetings.

Wendy read from the by-laws and the printed sheet the procedures taken by our Club concerning deceased members.

Carol Rice made a motion that we accept this procedure and Linda Coveny seconded it. It was voted on and passed.

Again, Wendy read from the by-laws and the printed hand out sheet, the procedure for who should attend Executive meetings.

There was a very long discussion on how to improve attendance at Regular meetings. Most people seemed to agree the Executive committee should be smaller to be more effective. We also all agreed our Regular meetings should be longer and inform and

involve our members who are not on the Executive committee in our Club affairs.

Varner Rodmon made a motion to make the Executive meeting smaller and Lynn Babcock seconded it. It was voted on and passed.

Varner will take attendance at the door for the next six months to enable her to do a survey of Club attendance. Everyone was encouraged to call a friend to come to the Planting Day meeting.

Wendy Ross passed out a ballot to each member to vote on whose name, of the five recently deceased members should go in the Yearbook. The votes will be counted and the obituaries will go in or not.

### PROJECTS

Kim Morris wants any old baskets or books for the sale on Planting Day.

Jean Witmer announced she has received very few job descriptions from Chair people, but when she receives them, she will pass them on to the appropriate people.

There was no further business. Margie Pierce made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and Jean Witmer seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Ellen Weisser  
Recording Secretary

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19 Tarleton Road  
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