

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

9:30 AM

at the home of Virginia Maybank

Present: Meses. Baker, Clymer, Côté, Coveny, Ehrlich, Ferguson, Hamilton, Harder, Hennessy, Johnson, Maybank, Mitchell, Morris, Mossman, Perry, Pierce, Redmon, Robinson, Ross, Stockbridge, Wyeth

The meeting was called to order by the president, Libby Mossman. She thanked our hostess and welcomed the new Members-at-Large.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Kim Morris asked several people to contact the 25 members who did not reply to the June meeting ^{notice} in order to determine their choice(s) of committees. She will fax final lists to committee chairs. Kim gave changes of address, etc. to Betsey Johnson.

Name tags will begin being worn, at the September meeting, to be returned to Kim at the conclusion of the meeting. Kim will be able to take attendance by noting the name tags not used.

RECORDING SECRETARY: In the absence of Joyce Espy, the president asked Margie Pierce to take minutes. ^{of} Virginia Maybank moved that the reading of the minutes of the June 6th meeting be waived. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Liddy Baker summarized her report, highlighting the balance of \$21,987.32 in the Perennial Endowment Fund and that 18 vendors had ^{each} paid \$100 for the flowers in the Bedford Village tubs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The president said she had received a note from the Chowder and Marching Club, thanking the club for our efforts in picking up trash during the Bedford Clean-up days. They commended Joan Branch for her continuous efforts in the Baldwin Road area.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

CIVIC AFFAIRS and CONSERVATION: Anita Stackbridge → reported that Olivia Farr is in charge of the Fox Senior Center planters project. Ann Catchpole-Howell is producing exact drawings for the tubs that will be made by OBEX.

Anita made a motion that \$1500 be withdrawn from the Civic and Education Fund to cover the cost of the tubs and planting deemed necessary by the committee. (The Project Review Committee approved of this project.) The motion was passed.

A question came up about what Martha Stewart was doing to Ruth Sharp's buildings. Liddy Baker assured us that the houses are being restored to their original sizes, the exteriors being stripped down for new exteriors and new windows will be installed.

EXHIBITIONS: Liza Clymer is working on getting a speaker for the January meeting, with Anne Miller (Mrs. ~~Phillips~~) Louise Talbot's assistance.

She said that the new owner of the Enchanted Florist in Katorah is interested in working with the committee on workshops. Wendy Ross reminded her that the Bedford Village Flower Shoppe sells flowers at a reduced price on Thursdays from 3-5 PM.

Liza said a volunteer was needed to do a line arrangement for the Zone III Meeting ^{also} Flower Show. Liza Hennessy volunteered to do one, ~~with~~ ^{and Liza will try to get} someone else who is more experienced, ~~than she~~

HORTICULTURE: Phoebe Perry spoke of the need for entries in the up-coming zone meeting. She explained, with Varner's backing, that our club is expected to create a "Mr. J. Wardian Case," featuring plants not native to North America. Virginia Maybank offered the required aquarium. Because of the 3-month stipulation, any plant material used must be in the exhibitors' possession now. Quite a few members are growing miniature edible ornamental pepper plants. There was concern that they might not be large enough for an 8" pot by Sept. 25th. We were encouraged to press all elements of plants found on Miss Jay's list in the Trade Roots schedule and to enter the "Cutting Garden" class.

Phoebe and Virginia hope to take advantage of the lectures at the botanical gardens in New York and the Garden Education Center in Greenwich. They plan to have trips to visit special gardens. Another idea is to have new members be given the opportunity to observe judges at shows, to relieve the stress experienced by exhibitors who need to become familiar with the specifications ^{on which} judges base their conclusions.

There will be no Sweepstake this year. An in-house mini-show is being planned.

MEMBERSHIP: Selby Ehrlich announced that Kay Falise and Kate Putnum have asked to change their membership status. Selby will report at the Sept. meeting on the possibilities of changes for these two members.

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PROGRAMS: Linda Covery distributed the Schedule of Meetings for 2001-2002. She questioned our having to pay St. Matthew's \$175 for the use of the Fellowship Room in as much as we contribute \$200 annually to the church. Libby spoke of the fact that we are not charged for the use of the Vestry Room for Winter Executive Meetings. She suggested that this discussion be tabled until the September meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORRESPONDENT TO GCA BULLETIN: Connie Hamilton has decided not to submit a picture taken on Planting Day in as much as our club will be prominent in the Zone III Meeting report.

CUSTODIAN: The president has visited our storage area in Lynn Babcock's barn. She found evidence of mildew and that the material is not easily accessible. Her suggestion is to build shelves for files, props, etc. Libby would like to get 6 or 7 members, with expertise in what is important to us, to go through the stored material

→ and discard what is not useful.

It appears that we have a large number of cookbooks. According to Kim Morris, they have not sold well at Ways and Means sales.

Dotty Harder moved that they be given away. The motion was passed. Further discussion led to the suggestion that they be included in the bags distributed to the Zone III Meeting participants. This will be offered to Louise Tabbot.

GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN: As the Zone III representative to this GCA committee, Varner Redmon ^{she} said she will be attending a meeting next week after which she would like to discuss ^{the} her role ^{of the Committee} on the Executive ^{Committee} at a future meeting.

HISTORIAN: Dotty Harder has a video of the GCA Annual Meeting that was shown recently to Mrs. Waller. She suggested playing parts of it at Regular Meetings. Varner hoped she would find interesting bits of club history to share at these meetings the way Billy Winans did at Executive Meetings.

JOHN JAY GARDENS: The president commended Ann Catchpole Howell and Sally Whitin for their hard work as co-chairmen. John Jay Homestead has been helping with the paths and will trim the hedges in the shape of a tee-pee ^(larger at bottom) next week. Weeders have not been as responsible as they are expected to be. It is hoped that

→ that those who cannot be present on their day will get a substitute and inform one of the chairs. Libby reminded the weedeers to report to the office to give the total number of volunteers present and the hours spent each time they are there.

NEWSLETTER: TECHNOLOGY: Verner explained the format of the Newsletter that will begin distribution in September. All Standing Committee committee chairs should fax or mail upcoming meeting schedules to Verner by the 20th of the ^{preceding} month; the same requirement applies to Special ¹ Committee chairs and others who have information they feel should be included. The Newsletter will be mailed out on the 30th of each month along with ^{return} postcards for Regular Meetings, to be returned to Susan McDowell, co-chair of Programs. It was suggested that the Newsletter be kept in a binder to be sold in September. This idea was not well received and will be tabled until the September Executive Meeting.

PROJECTS: Janet Robinson stated that she is not ready to make a report.

PROJECT REVIEW: On Bonnie Trotta's behalf, Libby said that ~~Kathy~~ ^{Cassie} Kernan (chair of Ways and Means) may plan a mini fund-raiser in the future.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Margie Perie said that our scrapbook is up to date, as is sending our P.R. to the Zone III Representative and to the GCA. She plans to add the article regarding Mrs Walker's selling 64 acres of Tanrockin Farm, 56 of which, according to "an agreement made with the Westchester Land Trust, will be preserved for farming and equestrian use." (The Record Review, 6/8/01)

SEEDLINGS: Polly Wines and Mimi Mitchell, thanked Libby for hosting a lovely luncheon at which the new members from the past two years were given the GCA packet and information from the three Standing Committee chairs to enable them to make their choice(s) of committee(s) on which they wish to serve.

TRIPS & VISITING GARDENS: Kirk Ferguson suggested a fall trip to The Center for Environmental Exploration Ecotarium in Worcester, Mass. It won the ^{recent (2001)} GCA Founder's Fund Award. Daphne Root's daughter is the director of exhibits and ^{special events,} plants. Another idea is a trip to Shug Harbor on Staten Island to see the Chinese Scholar Botanical Garden and, ^{also} perhaps the

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The treasurer followed up on last month's ^{discussion} about the Perennial Endowment Fund. It is necessary to have a corporate resolution. Libby read the following resolution to the committee!

It is resolved that any of the following officers, to wit: the President, first Vice-President and Treasurer, of this corporation be fully authorized and empowered to transfer, convert, sell, assign, set over and deliver any and all shares of stock, bonds, debentures, notes or other securities now or hereafter standing in the name of or owned by this corporation and to make, execute, and deliver any and all written instruments of assignment and transfer necessary or proper to effectuate the authority hereby conferred.

The president moved that the Resolution be adopted.
The motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

← Libby stated that, with the Zone III Meeting coming up on September 22-25, the triangles by Shannon Stable and the Exxon station should be cleaned up. She said that Carol Rice and Betty Wamsley have offered to do some planting on the triangle closest to the stable. Varner cautioned that nothing tall should be planted that being such a dangerous corner.

← Margie mentioned that some invasive trees are growing in the middle of the planting of the two triangles we maintain.

A discussion about the "Blue Box" followed. With Libby's persuasion, Nonie Reynolders has agreed to put the information that tells what positions each member has held, prizes won, meetings attended, etc. on a data base. It will be brought up to date annually.

It was decided that Kim should send ^{Executive} meeting notices to both chairs when there are two heading a committee and to others at the discretion of the president. She will send the cards for the September meeting; after that ^{Notice} they will be included with the Newsletter.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: Wednesday, Sept. 5th, 9:15 AM
at Bonnie Trotter's home

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Margaret D. Pierce
Secretary pro-tem

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Perennial Endowment Fund**

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