

THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday September 23, 2009
JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD

Present: Mimi Lines, Ellen Conrad, Leslie Wortman, Heather Langham, Kim Morris, Polly Finn, Selby Ehrlich, Elizabeth Bernard, Rachel Ocken, Cassie Kernan, Connie Hamilton, Kate Ginnel, Varner Redmon, Bitsy Tatnall, Sally Kroll, Wendy Ross, Taylor Taylor

Call to order: Mimi Lines 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 Maybank was not present and a treasurer's report had not been pre-submitted.

Mimi, in her opening remarks, thanked all present for signing on for the next two years. Mimi circulated a list of Executive Committee and Committee heads. At the top of the administrative to do list will be re-writing all the job descriptions so they more accurately reflect the actual duties of the position. Clarity and accuracy will facilitate future recruiting efforts. Some changes have already been implemented, as follows:

1. Civic and Conservation will now be 2 separate jobs
2. PR position is referred to as Communications Coordination and will be divided up into separate functions

Changes under consideration

1. Should Membership be in charge of Seedlings?(presently it is the responsibility of second vice president which makes little sense)

Ideas and future plans discussed at the lunches hosted by Mimi in the summer

1. Vegetable Garden Tour- (July 10) This would be a tour and a community outreach project. The tour would be open to the public and encompass gardens both large and small. It is way a way to educate the public on how we can all become a part of the sustainable food movement.

2. Centennial 2011- Mimi's committee is formed and many exciting ideas are under discussion. The celebration will be a community based event., most likely taking place in June of 2011.
3. Greensday- The first Wednesday in December is too close to Thanksgiving (will confirm the 2nd Wednesday). The program will return to more of the original format when the focus was on wreath making. .

Programs- Cassie Kernan along with Lisa Hennessey and Anita Stockbridge will serve as chairs. Cassie highlighted some of the upcoming events...stay tuned.

Communication Coordination- Kim Morris said that BGC can do a better job of communicating our good works to the community. The task of doing this has been broken out into 3 responsibilities: Elizabeth Bernard will write the articles, Carol Bouyoucos will be the photographer, and Kim will be in charge of distribution. Coordinating with GCA publications (The Bulletin) needs to be improved as well.

Conservation: Ellen Conrad announced:

- The Climate Action Plan was being released today by BEAP (Bedford Energy Advisory Panel).
- Bedford Environmental Summit was launching Phase II; a meeting will be held on 10/26 and she encouraged all interested to attend. Ellen would like the BGC to take an active role in some part of Phase II.
- Container Garden Workshop- Ellen suggested this as a community out reach project. It can be open to the public and done in conjunction with planting the Village Planters. Ellen has been in contact with Perennial Gardens as the venue for this workshop.

Announcements:

- Sally Kroll, as first vice president, will be in charge of the calendar. All dates must be cleared with her before publishing.
- One more member-at-large position needs to be filled.

Miscellaneous:

- Guidelines for proposing a new member will not be posted on the web site.
- Committee heads need a distribution list of their committee members.
- Rachel Ocken suggested we keep a data base on whom does what best and that the October meeting is outside and interactive.
- Varner and Nancy are fine-tuning the website and working on a web address.

There be no further business the meeting was adjourned. All future Executive Committee meetings will be held before the General Meeting. The October meeting TBA.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Langham