Plainfield Garden Club
Board Meeting Agenda
January 10, 2000

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January 10, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. Present were: Tucker Trimble, Elizabeth Loizeaux, Anne Shepherd, Bernice Swain, Joan Vivian, Diana Madsen, Jennifer Higgins, Beth Harbaugh, Nina Weil, Jeanne Turner, Sally Booth, and Phyllis Alexander.

Minutes from the December meeting stood as read.

Treasurer, Ann Shepherd reported that the operating account = $6763.72 and the Community Account = $3932.13.

Second V.P., Jeanne Turner reported on the progress of “Shakespeare in Bloom”. Wanda Blake, professor at DuCret School will be starting work on a flyer. This will be a contest and we will choose the flyer we like best. Each member will distribute 25 flyers; they will be sent out three weeks after January 17.

Tucker announced that Diane and Penny will continue giving their reports at the general membership meetings.

For flower arranging, Beth Harbaugh announced there will be a joint meeting in April at the Frelinghuysen. We will need six arrangements for three classes which are listed in our schedule. Carol Keating will report in further detail at the general membership meeting.

A horticulture topiary workshop to be held at the Frelinghuysen was announced. This workshop is in preparation for a November flower show, “Turning Leaves.”

Nina Weil reported on Civic Projects. She worked with local churches on a clean-up project in Plainfield. She reminded members about the Greater Newark Conservancy Gala to be held on May 5 at the Newark Club. The Growing Fund does not close until March and members were reminded to send their contributions.

Nina also announced that all six grant requests were approved by the N.J. committee. Every club was encouraged to submit a grant proposal next year. There was discussion that our club submit a request for the sprinkler system to be extended to the pergola.

Diana Madsen reported on the need for new members and it was suggested that the February meeting be an open meeting with an opportunity for members to bring guests.

Joan Vivian announced that she has numerous materials stored at her home and she would like to distribute them. Phyllis Alexander agreed to take articles for Shakespeare in Bloom and Anne Shepherd will take financial reports. It was also suggested that at a general membership meeting Bev Reid might read some interesting excerpts from old minutes.

Betty Hackman suggested that our newsletter include information about members who have moved away.

Diana Madsen announced that the Englewood Club has invited us to a meeting to hear a flower arranging lecture titled, “Beyond Pink and Green”. The meeting will be held on February 3.

Sally Booth announced she has not yet received any nominations for Medal awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Phyllis Alexander
The meeting was called to order at 12:55 p.m. by the president, Tucker Trimble at her home. Present were Mmes. Burner, Hackman, Harbough, Higgins, Kent, Loizeaux, Shepherd, Timrlbe, Turner, Vivian and Weil.

The minutes of the January Board meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer: Anne Shepherd reported the balances in our accounts;
Community: 3,910.35, Operating: 6,038.72
She distributed copies of the proposed budget. There was discussion regarding the amount available for speakers. As presented it will be read, discussed and voted on at this week's meeting (Usually it is presented in Feb. and voted on in March)

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Burner announced the resignations of Meechie Loosli and Dana Wigton effective 4/30/00

2nd VP: Jeanne Turner presented an outline of activities regarding Shakespeare in Bloom
She had a meeting with part of the committee.
Elva Bush has volunteered to do the Publicity.
The DuCret School of design will be ready in one week to show their logo design.
Phyllis Alexander has recipes (and samples) of herb breads. Every member will expected to make something to sell at the GC table, in addition to baking cookies for the lunch.
There was discussion of the lunch—with the suggestion that maybe a vegetable carrot) might be included. Regarding the sandwiches: we were asked to give suggestions to Bernice—one at the meeting was that we not have salad sandwiches.
Also at the GC table plans are to have wreathes, etc.
Sally Booth will handle the plant sale—a suggestion was to have fresh topiaries. Possibly topiary animals.
Jennifer and Beth will do a breakfast for workers on that day.
Another suggestion is to pictures of our projects put on a poster titles "All profits from this day will be used for——".
Program: Betty Hackman has invited Maureen Ogden to speak. (former Congresswoman active in Environmental Preservation).

Flower Arranging: Beth said 2/20 is the deadline to sign-up for the April show with the Oranges.
The next show is for the Zone Meeting to be June 1 and 2 in Morristown.

Horticulture: Topiary frames to be used for next fall's show can be ordered.
Discussion of Zone Mtg. horticulture
Need people to sign up if doing plants or seeds.

Civic Projects: Nina met with Barbara Sandford and Cherly Bullock to discuss the possible place for a project. A suggestion is to plant under the three trees at the corner of Park and Front. Pachysandra was suggested, the problem of watering was a concern.
Nina and ?? will be meeting with the Girl Scouts in the garden.
Newark Conservancy: Nina said they are looking for ads for the program for the Gala. Some members of our club will have a table.

Admissions: Diana will circulate a paper to try to develop a list of potential members.

President: Tucker received a request from Janet Mills asking us to second Ann Convery for the Zone IV Creative Leadership Award. We voted to do so, and Tucker will write the letter.

The next Board Meeting is April 3, since we will not have a March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan E. Vivian
for Phyllis Alexander
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April 3, 2000

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April 3, 2000

President Tucker Trimble called the meeting to order at her home at 1:00. Present were: Vivian, Turner, Shepherd, Burner, Hackman, Alexander, Weil, Kent, and D. Madsen, and Trimble.

Minutes of the February board meeting were accepted as read.


Second VP: Jeanne Turner reported that Elva Busch is doing an excellent job on publicity for "Shakespeare in Bloom". Workshops are progressing and Nina was thanked for opening her home to the group. Jeanne estimated we will have approximately 100 articles to sell at our garden table. Betty, Ramona, and Evie were thanked for their creative help. Jeanne said that Cyrus Hyde will only bring plants to the event so we won't have a conflict with selling items. Jeanne showed the flyer that was chosen among those created by the DuCret students. A check for $100 was presented to the winner. Jeanne was thanked for the picnic lunch she brought to the DuCret School for the judges and teacher to enjoy.

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Burner received resignations from Meechi Loosli and Dana Wigton. It was decided that their resignations will be announced in May.

Jane is working on the garden book for next year and asked for members with any corrections to please let her know.

Program: Betty Hackman announced that the meeting at the Arboretum with the Garden Club of the Oranges will still be held on Wednesday but the flower show is cancelled due to the sudden death of Liz Gruen. It was agreed that the board members will use a phone chain to inform everyone of Liz Gruen's passing away.

Betty Hackman announced that a former member, Geraldine Acomb passed away. Geraldine was a well known artist; she drew endangered species postcards and was also an author. She was living in Connecticut at the time of her death.

The May meeting will be held at the home of Phyllis Alexander. Mary Kent will run the meeting since Tucker and Diana will be at the Annual Meeting.

Conservation: Diane Carpenter will present a report at the general meeting.
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April 3, 2000

Flower Arranging: Ramona Ferguson has entered the Zone show for June. One joint arrangement is needed for the daffodil show.

Shakespeare Garden: Mary Kent spoke with a member of the Park Committee who said the Holly tree will be topped, however that work has not yet been done. Work will begin in the garden on April 19. Diana Madsen mentioned that members in other clubs sign up to work. Reminders to come will be in the newsletter. Board members agreed that the topiary birds will be professionally pruned next March 2001. A motion was made to set aside $150 to $200 for pruning.

Susan Frasier sent a letter to some members requesting native plants that were started for the plant exchange. Members were reminded of the daffodil show to be held on April 14 and 15 at the Arboretum.

Civic Projects/Newark Conservancy: Nina Weil announced that Gala invitations and raffle tickets were mailed to members. It was agreed that the PGC would send a contribution of $50 to the ad journal.

Nina announced the high tea which will be held on May 7 in honor of Barbara Sandford. Guest contributions of $25 will be shared by the beautification committee and the Plainfield Republican committee.

The Girl Scouts will come to help in the garden on April 26th.

Nina is talking with Cheryl Bullock to locate an area in Plainfield for the garden club to beautify with plantings.

Other Reports: A thank you letter was received from Sally Solmson for our contribution to the scholarship fund honoring Jeanne Will. It was also suggested that we make a donation to the Newark Conservancy.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phyllis Alexander
Plainfield Garden Club

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May 15, 2000

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June 5, 2000

President Tucker Trimble called the meeting to order at her home at 1:00. Present were Booth, Carpenter, Hackman, Kent, Loizeaux, D. Madsen, Shepherd, Trimble, Weil, and Alexander.

Secretary's report: A motion was made and seconded to dispense with minutes from the May board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Shepard reported Operating Account Bal. = $9178.72, Community Account Bal. = $3810.11.

Shakespeare Garden: The Shakespeare Garden publicity created by Elva Busch led to a donation of $100.00 from the Van Wyck Brooks historic district. The money will be used for extending the sprinkler system in the garden.

Dan Damon is creating a web site for the Shakespeare Garden.

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Horticulture: Mary Kent discussed a project to eliminate edging in the garden. She suggested we sink bricks at the edge of the borders in order to facilitate mowing and make the borders look neater. This would be a major project for which we may be able to obtain money from the New Jersey Committee. The board agreed that Mary should proceed to get a cost estimate for this project.

Mary announced that a compost pile will be started in the garden. Susan Fraser will make a list of those weeds that can safely go in the compost.

Civic Projects: The Girl Scouts met on May 23rd in preparation for assisting at Shakespeare in Bloom. The girls were very interested, and they will have a display table with pictures of projects they have been involved in.

Program: Nina Weil presented the tentative program for the 2000-2001 year, and plans are almost complete.

Conservation: Diane Carpenter will report at the general meeting. Diane distributed picture cards of the Asian Long Horned Beetle and gave us information about this destructive insect.
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**Flower Arranging:** The Zone IV Flower Show, Metamorphosis winners were announced. Ramona Ferguson received an honorable mention. Horticulture winners were: Tucker, 2nd place, Betty Hackman honorable mention for her “parent and child”, Mary Kent and Sally Booth, 3rd place for their window box.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Alexander