

Briar Chapel Garden Club (BCGC) Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

Zoom meeting: Meeting called to order at 7pm by co-president David Whitehouse

Finance Report: Scott provided a Finance Report for March 2021:

Income

membership \$204.40

fundraising \$0

total income month to date \$204.40

Expenses \$14.95

Carry over balance from 2020 \$5,619.33

Balance as of April 1 \$5,077.12

Total income YTD \$342.08

Expenses YTD \$884.29

Per Mike, although there is a surplus of money at present, there are some expenses coming up.

Membership: There were 6 new families that joined the club this past month with several of them on tonight's Zoom meeting. We have a total of 47 families that have paid membership this year.

Vegetable Planting:

- Sue is growing cucumber plants at home currently that we will put in the garden
- Laurie is growing some heirloom and small pear tomatoes at home for the garden
- Jenna is also starting some vegetables at her house
- Rick will not be working on a fundraising right now, but likely we will have one in the fall.
- We had a workday at Boulder on Saturday that was terrific, a lot was accomplished. We will likely have another on Thursday morning at Briar Patch. David will send email updates to notify club.
- We will start putting more in the garden later in April / early May once fear of frost is gone.
- Snap peas are doing great
- Garlic is doing well after putting some soil amendments down
- Lettuce doing well too
- Tomatoes and peppers will be planted in the weeks to come
- Spinach is highly desired, plan to place as many plants as possible between tomato plants as it doesn't need much space. Will start now and move plants when tomato plants ready to go in.
- No kale now but some going in soon and Bok Choi planted recently

Herb Garden

- Marci reports that Briar Patch herb garden area was completely weeded
- Transplanted some oregano, thyme and chives
- Planning to start parsley and basil by seed in the ground rather than in cold frame
- Will try to grow 2 rows of ginger at Briar Patch
- Sue has some basil started, will put it in the raised bed at Boulder where radishes are now
- Tarragon is also going into the garden

Flowers

- Noreen reports that Zinnia seeds were put in Boulder flower patch
- Mexican sunflowers were planted by seed (only a couple)
- Sunflowers are growing in cold frame

- Planning to purchase a few marigolds to plant around periphery of garden
- There is lemon balm along fence by new fig tree – Sue will put some in a pot and the rest will be removed
- Allium (looks like onion) around herb garden perimeter is invasive and should be removed

Trash/Compost

- If put weeds/debris in trash and it sits for a long time, it ferments and gets too heavy to remove the bags from the containers. If you use the trash cans for debris, please take it with you that day so it doesn't sit at the garden.
- David will email the garden club this reminder
- Some sifted compost in Boulder – use what is sitting out front of the bins.
- Compost needs to be added to pea rows as hasn't been added there yet. Any one who wants to can add the compost to the pea rows.

Website

- Sue added some educational items to the website recently

Irrigation

- Irrigation is now in place and running at Boulder, will be turned on in Briar Patch on Thursday
- Please watch out for irrigation lines with tools to be sure not punctured.

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC Secretary