

BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB
MEETING NOTES
November 13, 2018

Laurie Leichman convened the meeting at 7:01. Zeta and Liz were thanked on behalf of the club for cleaning out the shed at Boulder Park.

Finance Report (Liz Rolison)

The account balance is \$4,042.58. \$6000 has been raised to date. Expenses are just over \$6000. Currently, there is \$1264 in the Pal Pay Account. The club is in good standing financially.

Poinsettia Fund Raiser Report (Leila McKay)

\$849 has already been collected. Sales should reach \$1000. There will be a final posting of the sale in this week's Friday Flash. The ordering deadline is Sunday night. Leila needs volunteers on Thursday, November 29, to help with the delivery and the pick-up process. Pick-up will be from the clubhouse porch. Buyers will receive an email a couple days in advance of November 29 to remind them to pick up their poinsettias.

Membership (Stacey Donelan)

Currently, there are 60 households enrolled in the club, including eight new members. Overall there have been two reasons cited for non-renewal. Some have not rejoined as a result of health issues and others joined last year only to show support for new leadership and now have decided to pull back from club activities. No troubling trend has been noted. Another garden tour will be scheduled for the spring.

Social Activities (Laurie Leichman)

Sixty people attended the Harvest Dinner. Dan Taylor prepared the entree of beef tenderloin with a fresh herb chimichurri sauce. There were a great array of sides, appetizers, and desserts. The room was at capacity, and the event was very successful.

Bryan Lowrance, arborist with Bartlett Tree Service, presented a very informative talk. His presentation and handouts are posted on the garden club website. He recommended a book, The Well-Tended Perennial Garden, by Tracy Disabato-Aust.

Planting (Mike Gorman)

Both gardens have been clean up and put to bed for the winter. Water has been turned off in both gardens. Cover crops, Crimson Clover and Winter Oats, have been planted in both gardens. There are still a few vegetables available to harvest. Sweet potatoes were a successful crop this year.

Bill Sunda has volunteered to develop a survey that will solicit input from members regarding crops to plant for next year.

Next year, a work day will be scheduled during the week to provide an alternate option for those members who cannot attend on a Saturday.

There are herbs still available to harvest. The process of how to dry herbs was discussed.

2019 Officer Election (Stacey Donelan)

The following slate of officers was presented and approved by a vote of the members present:

Laurie Liechman and Liz Rolison, Co-Presidents
Jean Holstein, Treasurer
Billie Baker, Secretary

The garden club will not meet in December. The annual holiday lighting party will be held at Boulder Park at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8. S'mores and Cider will be provided. Bring your own adult beverages. The Boulder Park fire pit will be used to roast the s'mores.

Additional Comments:

Jim Neill presented a concern that the Poinsettia signs are not big enough to be read from vehicles passing by. He suggests creating a short URL that can serve as a redirect that will take up less space. New signs will be purchased next year.

Julie Wagner shared that some people who bought the mums and pansies said they wilted and died early. She suggests including a care card with each plant. A care card will be included with each poinsettia plant sold.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.