

# Garden Club Meeting – July 11, 2023

## Agenda and Minutes

1. **Membership – Marie Rape**
  - Held a garden club open house June 24th to attract new members
  - 13 new families joined BCGC following the open house (several attended July meeting)
  - Total of 72 families (96 individuals) have joined the garden club this year, 14 new families in June
2. **Finance report – Submitted by Scott Kiser and reported by Rick Thompson**

**CURRENT BALANCE: \$3,334.55**

  - Membership fees in June: \$479.05
  - EXPENSES in June \$388.14 (plants, pine bark, etc).
  - For full details see treasurers report on the BCGC website
3. **Fall Flower Sale – Rick Thompson**
  - Rick will reach out to Deb Manzo (sent email after meeting) to get ball rolling on fall flower sale
  - Need to contact plant vendor now and start setting up the online store
  - Need other members to help manage flower sale and help with distribution
  - The flower sales are the main source of funding for the garden club, all hands on deck needed
4. **Garden Notes - Rick Thompson**
  - Jenna is currently at horticulture camp at NC State and has learned how to create a device to test the soil that we can use rather than sending off samples, get immediate results
  - Corn is not yet ready to pick, will be distributed during a work day when ready
  - Cucumbers are available now – can allow some of plant to grow along ground so it's not so thick on trellis
  - Beans, Peppers, Zucchini and Squash are all ready to pick
  - Flowers can be picked too, the more you cut, the more they produce
  - Edamame has recently been planted
  - In mid-August, we will replace some rows of bush beans with snap peas
  - Tomatoes continue to need to be tied up, adjustments as they grow, Rick will continue tomato tie up training as was done last weekend
5. **Harvest Dinner to be held in October**
  - Nikki previously agreed to take lead and organize the event
  - Reminder that we need to work on establishing a date, book clubhouse
  - Nikki will reach out to Liz to get name of person to prepare main course
  - Side dishes and desserts can be provided by members attending
6. **Encourage all to follow BCGC Facebook page to get updates on what is ready to be picked and upcoming workdays and events**
7. **Motion to Adjourn**

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape