

BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB

Meeting Notes September 11, 2018

Liz Rolison convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

BYLAWS REVISION (Liz Rolison)

The revised Bylaws were approved 55 to 1 via electronic survey of all club members.

FINANCE REPORT (Jean Holstein)

The current balance is \$4,820.91. This amount includes dues money that would previously have not been collected until January, 2019.

MEMBERSHIP (Liz Rolison)

We have received close to 30 registrations for membership. Approximately one-third are new members.

Two membership events have been planned. During the Brie Arthur event, Stacey will set up a membership table. A garden tour at Boulder has been scheduled for October 27 at 3:00 p.m. Neighbors will be invited and membership information will be provided. In the event of rain, Zita has graciously offered her front porch for the venue. Both events will be announced in the newsletter.

FUNDRAISING (Leila McKay)

Ninety-three orders that total \$2300 have been received for the mums/pansy fund raiser. The club receives 30% of the revenue. A profit of \$750-\$800 is expected. Leila has secured enough volunteers to help distribute the flowers on the day of pick up.

SOCIAL REPORT (Liz)

1. Brie Arthur Presentation "Foodscape Revolution" ~ Saturday, October 6, at 2:00 p.m.~ Brie works for major area nurseries and helped with the landscape design at the Briar Chapel entrance. She is the author of the book, Foodscape Revolution. Her presentation will discuss how to mix vegetables and herbs with home landscaping.
2. Harvest Dinner ~ October 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 ~ Dan Taylor will prepare herb beef with roast vegetables on the grill. Please RSVP to Liz Rolison. Bring a salad, side, or dessert. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available or bring your own drink.
3. Brian Lowrance (Bartlett Tree Service) ~ November 8 at 7:00 p.m. ~ Brian will discuss fall yard care.

PLANTING REPORT (Liz)

Planting maps have been updated and posted on the website.

Do not put woody material in the compost bin. Put woody material to the side so it can be put through the chipper before being added to the compost bin.

Be careful when working around the drip lines.

We are seeking a team of volunteers to develop an improved plan for weed management for next year and would like at least one master gardener to participate. Susan Pflum has volunteered to help.

OFFICER ELECTIONS (Liz)

Officer elections will be held in November. We will take nominations for 2019 officers at our October meeting. Elections will be held in November with all new dues paying members eligible to vote.

GARDEN EXPANSION (Liz)

Liz reviewed the contents of a memo that will be sent from the garden club to the HOA Board and Management declining their offer to fund half of the Boulder Park Expansion project on the premise that the garden is an HOA asset and would set a precedent that in the long run would not be in the best interest of the HOA. The memo also encourages the implementation of a charter club policy that provides liability coverage and tax filing under the umbrella of the HOA. Liz and Laurie would like to send the letter and also hold 1-1 meetings with Board members to discuss its contents.

Jean Holstein made a motion to approve the memo to the HOA Board of Directors and the tabling of the proposed Boulder Park expansion. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Landscaper quotes (from Myatt and Davis Landscape Ltd.) were comparable, just under \$8000.

STORM PREPAREDNESS (Liz)

The Boulder Park Garden has been secured in preparation for the hurricane; however, volunteers are needed to secure the Briar Patch.

Post meeting note: The Briar Patch was secured prior to the storm thanks to Leila McKay and Christine Dong.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.