

Briar Chapel Garden Club Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020

Zoom Meeting: Co-President, David Whitehouse, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Planting: David reported that several updates had been provided to the BCGC by email this past month. Addition updates include:

- The garden is being prepared for winter planting
- Garden space is being used effectively
- More green beans, lettuce and garlic are coming soon
- Garden club members should bring forward any other ideas for vegetables to plant
- A member asked if we had ever planted brussel sprouts. No one recalled planting them in the past. Reported that brussel sprouts, broccoli and cauliflower don't do well here.
- Collard greens are in now.
- Boulder garden could have beats in area along fence (roses side) due to wet area.
- Carrots could be planted in the fall if room, but need to space well. Jenna and her dad volunteered to adopt carrots to weed and fertilize area. David will think of spot to plant.

Compost: Noreen sent email asking if we want to use more compost in planting and pointing out that weeds growing in compost. Mike explained that weeds okay, just need to turn over the compost and it will decompose. Can use the compose so put it in the beds as planting. Also can leave weeds as easy to pull them out later because the soiled has been turned over already.

Finance Report: Marci provided an update on finances for the BCGC for July 2020. In summary, there are \$5794.05 funds available, expenses to date are 1,432.98, and we had dues paid by 2 new members. See attached Financial Report at end of minutes for full details.

Membership Update:

- 2 new members in past month
- There are currently 88 members consisting of 66 families.
- Plans are to start the membership drive after the plant sale ends (Sept 17) so Paypal is cleared out making it easier to track funds for each activity.
- All members will need to rejoin and pay dues in order to vote in November.
- Clarification that anyone who joined in July or after will count toward 2021 BCGC dues

Fundraising: Phyllis gave a report on fundraising activities.

- Pansies & Mums have been on sale since mid August with an end date of 9/16/2020.
- We have raised \$1011 in profits so far with sales to 64 non-members and 18 members
- Recommended that one more email be sent to BCGC members about the flower sale.
- Flowers will be ready for pick-up 9/24; several members volunteered to help.
- Liz will send a reminder email 2-3 days prior to pick up date to those who ordered.
- A Poinsettia sale is planned for later this fall (likely after Halloween with a delivery date after Thanksgiving or early December).

BCGC Officer Nominations:

- Marci and Phyllis have decided to not continue in their offices next year.
- David has spoken with two club members who have agreed to step into the open positions (treasurer and co-president role with focus on social activities and fundraising). He will announce their names at the next meeting.
- David Whitehouse has agreed to run for co-president again and Marie Rape to serve as secretary.
- If others are interested in volunteering for any of the officer positions, we will do a ballot and vote for each position.
- Club rules state that members cannot nominate someone who is not present at a meeting (they must be present to accept the nomination).
- Nominations will be taken in October with a vote at the November meeting.

General Updates:

- Pepper plants in Boulder are starting to produce, Eggplants are still producing as well.
- Hoses are very long so please run the water awhile to clear out any hot water before using it on the plants or they will be baked.
- Praises for the garden having done so well this year in such a challenging time
- In the process of getting the HOA to identify water lines in Boulder (SW corner) so another Fig tree can be planted
- Also considering putting in Milkweed outside the fence and may possibly put in some blueberry bushes.
- Considering taking out the butterfly bush to replace with something else.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC Secretary

BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB FINANCE REPORT

AUGUST 2020

2019 SURPLUS.....	5,794.05
INCOME YTD.....	577.37
TOTAL REVENUE YTD.....	6,371.42
EXPENSES YTD.....	1,432.98

DETAIL

INCOME REPORT

Membership

August	\$68.21
Total	\$68.21
Fundraising	\$00.00
Income MTD	\$68.21

EXPENSE REPORT

ENGINEERING

AUGUST	\$325.80
PLANTING	\$92.12

EXPENSES MTD	\$417.92
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