

Briar Chapel Garden Club Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2020

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

Membership Update:

- Marie reports that we had one new family (father & daughter) join since the last meeting.
- One member joined earlier in the year, but his payment was lost so he submitted another check. He had been previously counted in the BCGC membership #s.
- There are currently 86 members consisting of 65 families.

Finance Report: Marci provided an update on finances for the BCGC for July 2020. In summary, there are \$5255.69 funds available, we had dues paid by 1 new member, and \$0 fundraising. See attached Financial Report at end of minutes for full details.

Congratulations to Linda King-Thomas whose garden was featured in the Chatham News Magazine this month. If you have a copy of the August issue of the magazine that you no longer want, please drop off your copy in Linda's mailbox.

Membership Drive: Liz reminded the club leadership that it was time to do another membership drive in September and October. Those members who pay their dues by November will be allowed to vote for new officers for 2021. She encouraged leadership to make some announcements about the BCGC membership drive in the Friday Flash and Newsletters from BC.

- **Action item:** David or Phyllis will contact the clubhouse to send out a notice about the membership drive

Sue has now placed signs at both gardens with information about how to join the BCGC. It includes a scan code to allow people who are interested in joining to use their phone to get to the club website and access the forms to join. Thanks Sue!

Election of Officers: Liz reminded leadership that it is time to think about election of officers for 2021. She recommended first finding out if current leadership is interested in remaining in their positions for another year. Then, an announcement can be made about the positions most needing to be filled. At the October meeting, the candidates for office will be announced and the vote takes place at the November meeting.

- **Action item:** David will call a meeting of the current leadership to discuss plans for the upcoming elections.

Composting: Mike has cleaned up the compost area in Bolder and the big pile that was outside the bins has not been put into the compost. It is looking much better now. He recommends that if there are big woody pieces or stalks, continue to leave them outside the compost bins and Mike will break it down before putting it in the compost.

Fundraising: Phyllis gave a report on fundraising activities and announced two plant sales.

- Pansies & Mums – On sale 8/19 - 9/16. Flowers will be ready for distribution on 9/24. An announcement was sent to the BCGC and another announcement will be sent to the general population of BC this week. Phyllis asks for assistance in distributing the flowers. We will be allowed to use the BC clubhouse porch for delivery and distribution. The garden club is only allowed to put up one plant sale sign for advertising and this sign will be at the clubhouse. However, we can put up the remaining 4 signs in our yards (1 per house). Goal is to put the signage at high volume roads.
- Sales will be done online via PayPal. This will result in orders being put in a spreadsheet that can then be used to track orders and contact information for each person. The club can then reach out to notify people of the date the flowers will be available.
- Liz does not recommend scheduling pick-up times as it is a big hassle and most people who come by to pick up their plants seem to spread out on their own, typically only a few arriving for pick up at any one time.
 - **Action items:** Marie will send the membership list to David, Liz and Phyllis to use to identify BCGC members who live on the main roads who may be able to put a plant sale sign in their yard for advertising.
- A Poinsettia sale is planned for this fall (likely start sale in November with a delivery date of early December).

General Updates:

- Mike wants to amend the soil in Boulder and Briar Patch which may require some funds. He thinks this fall after harvest will be a good time. It may require several individuals to do the work (lifting the black tarp) so if it is too difficult, he may just do the Tomato area in Boulder as he could do that by himself.
- There may be a reclaimed water leak near Briar Patch. Liz has reported these leaks in the past. If a leak or concern with the sprinklers is noted, please take pictures and let Liz know so she can report it.
- The club is interested in buying a weed whacker to get the weeds in the garden and on the paths under control. Preference is a cordless / battery operated one. Mike will do due diligence to see what might be the best option.
- In the past, Carolina Grit was placed on the garden paths as weed control. Rick Morang paid for it for the garden (BCGC did not pay for it). It was recommended that we put in a budget request to send to the BC Finance Group for inclusion in next year's budget.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC Secretary

BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB FINANCE REPORT

JULY 2020

2019 Surplus.....	\$5,794.05
Income YTD.....	\$509.16
Total Revenue YTD.....	\$6,303.21
Expenses YTD.....	\$1047.52
Funds Available.....	\$5,255.69

Details

Income Report

Membership	
July	\$35.00
Total	\$35.00
Fundraising	\$00.00
Income MTD	\$509.16

Expense Report

<u>Engineering</u>	
July	\$34.18
<u>Planting</u>	
July	\$70.12
<u>Special</u>	
July	\$115.25
Expenses MTD	219.55