

Briar Chapel Garden Club Minutes
September 9, 2025

The meeting began with social time and snacks/drinks.

Rick Thompson called meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Aug 2025 minutes –

- Julie motioned to approve minutes; Linda KT seconded. Minutes approved.

Finance report – Stephanie Humphries (Secr.) provided update

- Income - \$77.29
- Expenses - \$576.92 (mostly engineering)
- Current balance - \$2911.03 (the balance will rebound once flower sale is over)
- See full Aug finance report uploaded on the BCGC website

Garden Work Days – Rick gave an update

- There will be 2 big workdays over the next month – 9/20 and 10/4. An email will be sent with instructions for what to do / weed with pictures to help.
- Excellent workdays these past few weekends.
- Planted last of sugar snap peas yesterday, spinach and carrots are coming up. Garlic and onions will be planted around Halloween.
- Lots of peppers available.
- Every drip line is working now (thanks to HOA) and timers are going.
- Water lines will be turned off about 3 wks before the first frost.
- Melons and figs are ready for picking
- Noted that the big garden is often left unlocked

Fall flower fundraiser- Ellen Michalek provided an update

- Mums in 4 colors (8-inch pots); Pansies in 3 colors – purple, yellow, mix
- The online store will close tonight (9/9) after the meeting.
- Over 90 orders to date! Orders started slow but ramped up significantly with social media advertising and as vacations finished and school started.
- Ellen has been tracking when orders are placed, frequently increased when social media and emails were sent out (BCGC members were sent reminders and a separate email went out to all those who previously placed an order).
- Profit from fall sale is close to \$1900 which is a record for club (29% more than last year)
- Reached lower price on mums, but far from threshold on pansies. Plants most often ordered – Orange, Yellow & Red and mixed pansies.
- Club agreed to order extra plants in case of any mix up (1 of each mum & 1 flat pansies)
- Delivery date will be Sept 19th with pick up 10am – 5pm. Sign-up genius will be sent out for people to sign up for slots to help with flower distribution at clubhouse

Harvest Dinner – Update by Nikki

- October 26th at clubhouse
- Potluck by membership – will plan send out a sign-up genius in October
- Proposal for \$650 budget for Harvest Dinner. Motion by Marcel, 2nd by Karen. All in attendance voted to approve the budget.

Membership renewal – Update by Rick

- The month of November is when we will start annual renewal of memberships (Nov 1 – Thanksgiving)
- We will waive fees for the 1 family that joined in August (Swenson family)
- Those that renew membership will be able to vote for new leadership in December

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

- Linda made motion to adjourn, Jordan seconded

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape

Amended minutes 10.7.2025

- The statement regarding the amount of profit from the fall plant sale was found to be incorrect. After a closer look at the fall plant sale spreadsheet and PayPal fees, the Garden Club's profit was determined to be \$1661.29 rather than \$1900 announced at the meeting.