

## **Briar Chapel Garden Club (BCGC) Meeting Minutes**

**August 10, 2021**

**In-person meeting at Clubhouse:** Meeting called to order at 7pm by co-president David Whitehouse. Introductions were made for all in attendance including a few new members.

### **Finance Report:**

- The treasurer reported that we currently have a balance of \$3740.
- Over the past 9 months, we have used 40% of what we started with in January 2021
- Financial reports along with the minutes are uploaded on the BCGC website

### **Membership:**

- Currently 55 families (78 individuals) have paid dues to date this year.
- We had 2 new families who joined the garden club in July.

### **Trash/Compost**

- There are additional compost buckets with blue lids now – 2 in each garden. These buckets are for compost that we don't want in our BCGC compost bins. This compost is brought to Chapel of the Cross for industrial composting.
  - Use these buckets for compost that includes eggshells, plants that have gone to seed, seeded fruit/vegetables, can also include bones, meat, bagels, etc.
  - Personal yard waste can also be brought from home and put in these compost bins
  - Sue prepared signage for each of the buckets.
- Please continue to follow directions for what to put in our usual compost bins

### **Social / Fundraising**

- **Harvest Dinner:**
  - The date for the event has been set for Sunday, October 24
  - The clubhouse reserved/confirmed with BC management.
  - A sign-up Genius will be sent out to RSVP and bring a dish (appetizer, side dish, desert).
  - Dan Taylor has agreed to cook the main course.
  - Request for Flower team to prepare centerpieces for tables (vases of flowers)
- **Fall Plant Sale:**
  - Amber Umbel is working with Vendor – Williams Plant Farm
  - We will be selling pansies and mums. Prices have gone up but not significantly.
  - The sale will be held from mid-Aug through Sept 15<sup>th</sup> with distribution on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Amber will need help unloading the delivery truck and arranging for pick. David will send out an announcement asking for volunteers.
  - We should put up signs in the neighborhood advertising sale, need to check with BC management first to be sure okay.
  - We will plan to advertise in Friday Flash, BC newsletter and Nextdoor.
  - Liz will set up the online store.

### **Garden Notes:**

- Volunteers are needed to pick up rotten tomatoes from the ground or off the vine
- Whenever you go to the garden, take some time to tie up the tomatoes
- Be careful not to tie the tomatoes up too tightly. Make a loose loop that allows them to grow.
- Frisco peppers in Briar Patch are really hot.

- Planting for winter will begin soon. Sue has a big list of what we want to plant – 2 rows of onions; collards, kale, snap peas to name a few. Liz requested green onions.
- Garlic will be ordered soon.
- Still have a rabbit in Boulder Park garden, will leave alone for now.

David reminded the club that he will be stepping down from his position as co-president at the end of the year so we will need someone else in the club to step forward to take his leadership role. The club must have the role filled in order to continue. Nominations will be in October and a vote in November.

**Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC Secretary**