

**BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB
MEETING NOTES
October 9, 2018**

Liz Rolison convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCE REPORT (Jean Holstein)

2017 Carryover = \$3978.97
Income YTD = 5898.43 (Profit from pansy/mum sales = \$658.74)
Total Revenue = \$9877.40
Expenses = \$5625.47
Balance = \$4251.93

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (Liz Rolison)

The club is accepting both paper and online registrations. Currently, 30 families have registered. In accordance with the Bylaws, only paid members will be able to vote for officers. Several activities provide opportunities to recruit new members. The Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 27. Four to five members are needed to serve as guides. Light refreshments will be served. Zita has offered her porch as a back up location in case of inclement weather. A clean up day will be scheduled for Boulder the week prior.

PLANTING (Laurie Leichman)

The following crops are currently pickable: kale, Swiss chard, eggplant, and peppers. The following crops have been pulled out: field peas, beans, squash, and basil. The following fall crops will be available: arugula, lettuce, turnips, beets, collards, and carrots. Garlic will be the last fall item to be planted next weekend. Sweet potatoes are taking over Briar Patch and may need to be trimmed. Sweet potatoes should be ready to pick in November.

Pull out the pink flowered coxcomb. Weeds continue to overtake the walking paths. Laurie met with Marcos Landscaping to discuss a process for eradicating the weeds. Weeds need to be removed and a double layer of textile installed. The textile is covered with Chapel Hill grit or larger gravel. Marcos needs to know the number of square feet in order to provide a bid. Larry Pflum will provide that information.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN (Valerie Vickers)

Lisa Walston and her son, Patrick, are the stars of the Children's Garden. Jason DeShayes and family will assume leadership of the Children's Garden as Valerie needs to step away from the club. Carrots and radishes are growing now and the marigolds grew well. Valerie suggests that the club consider relocating the Children's Garden to an area in close proximity to the garden hose to make watering more manageable for children. Valerie will pass her design on and hopes that the club can attract 7-12 year-olds in the future and invite children to work with their parents.

PANSY/MUM SALE

Leila McKay and Sandi Friedman were thanked for their volunteer efforts. The sale was very successful and netted the club \$658.74 in profit. Sales totaled \$2437.57. This year's plan required fewer volunteers. It took almost one week before all the plants were distributed.

POINSETTIA SALE

Marsha Durniak and Leila McKay will chair the Poinsettia Sales this year. The deadline for turning the orders into Multi-Flora is November 19. The sale period will be approximately 3 to 3 and ½ weeks. Orders will be online. Alysa will no longer accept checks on behalf of the club, so a lockbox has been provided in the clubhouse. The sale will be announced in the newsletter and in the Friday Flash. Volunteers are needed for canvassing and on the day of distribution. The poinsettias will be delivered around November 30.

PEPPER JELLY SALES (Julie Wagner)

Pepper jelly will be sold at the Harvest Dinner for \$6 a jar. Julie described a variety of flavors available this year.

An FYI ...Peppers lose their heat as the season progresses.

SOCIAL EVENTS (Liz Rolison)

The *Brie Arthur Presentation* was very informative. She is a very energetic speaker and very knowledgeable about interplanting edibles among other landscape and pollinating plantings. She recommends planting buckwheat and rice. Rice is a beautiful ornamental grass and garlic is an effective border plant.

Only 20 people attended the presentation. Lisa Walston was thanked for organizing. It was suggested that the club invite Brie to speak as a yearly club event.

Liz has a detailed file that is too big to post on the website, but it can be sent via email if you request it.

Harvest Dinner ~ Saturday, October 20, 2018 ~ Dan Taylor will be grilling herbed beef. Members are requested to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. To date, 40 members have signed up. October 15 is the deadline. There is no cost. RSVP to Liz. Children who worked in the garden will be recognized at this function.

Bryan Lowrance ~ November 8, 2018, at 7 p.m. ~ Bryan Lowrance, arborist with Bartlett Tree Service, will talk on the seasonal garden and present the top ten myths.

CHARTER CLUB RECOMMENDATION (Liz Rolison)

Liz reviewed past discussions and explained the Charter Club Policy. (See meeting notes dated August and September, 2018.) Laurie and Liz will address the recommendations made in their letter to the Board during the homeowner forum at the next Board of Directors meeting on October 17. Discussion ensued.

2019 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Sue Pflum nominated Laurie Leichman and Liz Rolison as Co-Presidents of the club for 2019. Liz and Laurie accepted and made it clear that this would be their last year serving as co-presidents of the club. They strongly expressed a need for a member to serve as Vice President during the 2019 year in preparation for the club presidency the following year in 2020. Jean Holstein nominated Mark as Co-Treasurer. Mark Sonntag respectfully declined the nomination. Mike Gorman nominated Billie Baker as Secretary. Billie accepted. There was a

discussion about the importance of building leadership within the club and club sustainability in future years.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mike Gorman announced that he purchased two new hoes, Japanese weeding tools on long sticks.

Hillary, from Town and Country, has been invited to the Harvest Dinner.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.