

Briar Chapel Garden Club Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

1. **In-person meeting called to order** at 7pm by Co-President Rick Thompson
2. **Minutes approved from last month (12/12/22)** – Motion by Rick, all voted in favor
3. **Financial Report** - provided by Rick on behalf of Scott Kizer who was unable to attend
 - Finance report for Dec included \$200 income from membership and \$400 expenses
 - Ending the year with a balance of ~ \$5000, about \$350 over our expenses for the year
4. **Flower Sale**
 - A sub-group led by Deb Manzo met prior to today's meeting to plan a spring flower sale
 - Marcie will check with Williams plant farm in mid-Feb to see what plants will be available
 - Likely a mix of perennials and annuals
 - The spring flower sale will not yield the same income as fall, but still helpful
 - Need other garden club members to step up, help with flower sale and learn roles
5. **Membership:**
 - No new families have joined in the last month, but 6 renewals in late December 2022
 - We have about 50 families paid dues for 2023, reflects 60 + people actively engaged in the club
 - Anticipate more members joining or re-joining in spring 2023
 - Introductions were made by the BCGC members attending the meeting
6. **Compost Presentation**
 - Noreen provided more information about the proposed tutorial on composting by Julie Moore
 - Julie Moore is at the NC Composting Council, there would not be any cost to her presenting to the BCGC or larger community
 - Will check on availability of clubhouse for a date, mid-week in the evening
 - Members mentioned that NC State has other experts that could be brought in to give talks, allow us to host multiple talks (Deb volunteered to call NC State to learn about other speakers, come up with a list of social events we could host).
7. **Gardens**
 - A planting survey will be sent out in early February to get input from membership about preferences on spring planting
 - Need to weed around onions and garlic in Boulder garden but has been too wet
 - Will plan to hold a workday at the gardens when it is drier outside
 - Rick will change gardens lock code in January and send out to everyone
 - Cold frame top came off in a storm and needs to be fixed, Mike aware.
 - Would like to clean up area in front of cold frame this year, get rid of weeds, maybe put in stepping stones (these can be costly)
8. **Adjourned** - at 8:00pm, motion to adjourn by Marie Rape, 2nd Rick.

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC secretary