

Briar Chapel Garden Club (BCGC) Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2021

In-person meeting at Clubhouse (porch):

Meeting called to order at 7pm by co-president David Whitehouse. Introductions were made for all in attendance including several new members. 18 people attended the meeting.

David explained how the community garden works with volunteers who weed, help plant and do whatever is needed. The garden is organic. Goal is to grow everything we can in the space we have. Plans for what will be grown are typically decided by the master gardeners and co-presidents.

Finance Report: The treasurer was unable to attend, so David provided the May 2021 report:

CURRENT BALANCE \$4,353.96
MAY INCOME \$33.68
INCOME YTD \$476.80
MAY EXPENSES \$483.58
EXPENSES YTD \$1,742.17
DETAILS FOR MAY
INCOME
MEMBERSHIP \$33.68
FUNDRAISING \$0
TOTAL INCOME MONTH TO DATE \$33.68
EXPENSES \$483.58

Membership: Currently 51 families (71 people) paid dues this year, 2 new members this past month.

Planting:

- White onions are pulled and several are still available in the Boulder garden shed, 1 per family.
- No fairytale eggplants are available this year
- The sugar snap peas are almost done, will be pulled in next week or two (may donate remains to Cora or a food pantry)
- Green beans will be planted in place of the snap peas
- Tomatoes are growing fast, need to be tied up loosely and suckers clipped (note: Roma tomatoes should not have suckers clipped).
- Please read and follow carefully the instructions Sue has posted by the tomatoes.
- Garlic will be pulled out of the garden soon.
- Lettuces of all varieties, including Kale, are available now
- Instructions for onions / garlic – place in cool, dry location for 2 weeks to cure
- Radishes are available now. Pick the bigger ones so the little ones can stay & grow
- Beets will be planted where onions were pulled – will overseed and then pull some
- No melons because they take up too much space

Trash/Compost

- Need someone to manage / turn over the Briar Patch compost bins – Jenna volunteered
- Any organic vegetables and fruit waste can go in compost, but if big items, please chop up first
- Prefer not to put eggshells into compost as it takes too long to decompose

Weeding

- Need more volunteers for weeding
- Using the weed eater / trimmer on the weeds on the garden path
- May consider planting a ground cover like Thyme on the pathway to help keep weeds at bay (creeping Thyme is very good)
- Please stay away from the irrigation lines with tools when weeding (lines can be moved out of the way temporarily and then returned to their placement afterwards).

Fundraiser

- Will likely do a fall plant fundraiser.
- Liz reminded group that should begin planning and making arrangements now to be ready. She will help set up online electronic payment
- Hope to do a harvest dinner in the fall – need to pick date and reserve the clubhouse; possibly get Dan to cook meat for us
- A new member raised the idea of a spring fundraiser selling strawberries and short bread

The club is considering selling the old gas powered rototiller as it is not working. Catherine volunteered to look at it and see if it could be fixed. The club still has a smaller electric rototiller that works better.

David announced he would be ending his term as Co-President in December and that the club would need a new president in order to continue.

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC Secretary