

## **Briar Chapel Garden Club Meeting Minutes**

### **July 14, 2020**

**Zoom Meeting:** The co-President, David Whitehouse, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**Finance Report:** Marci provided an update on finances for the BCGC for May and June 2020. See attached Financial Report at end of minutes for details. David reports that the club is in great shape financially considering that we've not been able to do any fundraising this year.

#### **Membership Update:**

- Marie reports that we had one new family join since the last meeting.
- There are currently 84 members consisting of 64 families.
- A new welcome letter was designed and 2 videos that explain how to open and lock the gates at the garden are now sent to new families.

**Social Activities:** Phyllis gave a report on fundraising activities. We will not be able to hold our annual cooking demonstration or the harvest dinner this year due to COVID 19 restrictions on gatherings in the clubhouse. We do have 2 events that are scheduled as Zoom presentations this summer:

- Matt Jones (growing vegetables from seed) – 7/21/2020 at 7pm
- Debbie Roos (creating a pollinator garden) – 8/13/2020

Possible ideas for a plant sale were discussed. BC leadership has agreed to allow the garden club to use the BC clubhouse porch for delivery and distribution. Two potential vendors are being considered – Mellow Marsh Farms and Pender Farm. Various perennials are being considered depending on availability this fall. There was some discussion if we want to stick to selling pansies and mums at the fall fundraiser as we have in the past with financial success. Others wanted to focus on pollinator plants / perennials. A recommendation was made to pick a few perennials that are commonly known as that makes it more likely buyers outside the garden club will purchase the plants. A sub-group of Mike, Sue, Liz, David and Phyllis will meet off-line to make a final decision on the vendor and plants to offer for purchase.

#### **General Updates:**

- Irrigation is up and running in all gardens. PLEASE be very careful when you are working in the gardens (especially with tools) to stay away from the irrigation lines. There were three places in Boulder where the lines were cut (squash and herb bed). This causes many headaches for the engineering team, not to mention water wasted.
- Row adoption for weeding has been very successful this year. Thanks to everyone that adopted rows or just stepped up and pulled weeds as they saw a need. Keep up the great work, y'all!!
- Please go pick herbs from both gardens. They need to be cut back to keep fresh growth coming. There is lots of oregano, rosemary, chives and thyme. Basil, sage and lavender are still a bit small but certainly available for a bit of picking.
- Mike will be spraying the paths for weeds again when the weather allows.

- Mike has been flipping the compost from side to side and sifting the new compost into the old compost at Bolder. He is happy to teach the person handling compost at Briar Patch how this is to be done. Mike will use the chipper on the big pile of woody debris at Bolder to prepare it for the compost bin.
- Tomatoes: Sue has 6 people signed up to care for the tomatoes. She will give them instructions on Saturday. Most tomato plants are starting to look really good now.

**Flowers:**

- Flowers are looking good in both gardens and are ready to be cut for vases.
- Noreen plans to get some Calla lilies for the fall.
- Now is not a good time to transplant any flowers as it will be a shock to the plant in the heat.

**Website:** Liz reports that there haven't been any updates to the website recently. She encourages us to send her some information that she can use to update the website. Examples include:

- Phyllis could submit information about the upcoming Zoom presentations to add to the calendar
- Information about the plant sale, when ready
- Marie send in the New Welcome letter for new BCGC members
- Photos or videos of the garden

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm**

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

# BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB FINANCE REPORT

MAY/JUNE 2020

2019 Surplus.....	5,794.05
Income YTD.....	373.15
Total Revenue YTD.....	6,167.20
Expenses YTD.....	827.97
Funds Available.....	5,339.23

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## Details

### Income Report

Membership	
May	\$101.04
June	\$67.36
Total	\$168.40
Fundraising	\$00.00
<b>Income YTD</b>	<b>\$168.40</b>

### Expense Report

<u>Engineering</u>	
May	\$101.18
June	\$ 61.95
<u>Planting</u>	
June	\$156.84
<u>Special</u>	
June	\$104.33
<b>Expenses YTD</b>	<b>424.30</b>