

Briar Chapel Garden Club Minutes
August 12, 2025

The meeting began with social time and snacks/drinks.

Rick Thompson called meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Introductions made by 19 members.

July 2025 minutes – Marsha motioned to approve minutes; Ellen seconded. Minutes approved.

Finance report – Stephanie Humphries (Secr.)

- Income - \$173.46
- Expenses - \$253.36 (mostly maintenance)
- Current balance - \$3,410.66 (about the same as last year)
- See full July finance report uploaded on the BCGC website

Fall flower fundraiser- Ellen Michalek provided an update

- Mums in 4 colors (8-inch pots); Pansies in 3 colors – purple, yellow, mix
- Liz set up online store which opened July 31 and will close Sept 8th.
- Delivery date will be Sept 19th with pick up 10am – 5pm.
- 15 orders to date
- Ellen is tracking date and day of week when orders placed for future analysis, metrics
- Advertising in BC Friday Flash and on social media (Facebook, Private BCGC groups). Marcia, Sydney and Linda put up flyers at local business and group mailboxes in BC.
- Rick asked for email addresses of those who placed orders in past to send an announcement of current fundraiser. Marie and Jade compiling lists.
- Rick reminded members garden club funded primarily by Spring and Fall flower sales.

Garden Work Days – Rick gave an update

- This past weekend, total 27 people stopped by to work in the big garden.
- Cleaned up weeds, planted fall / winter plants & seeds (arugula, lettuce, mustard greens, carrots, spinach, radishes)
- Melons and figs are ready for picking, edamame needs a bit more time
- Next workday, Saturday Aug 16 at little garden to prune back blackberry plants & pull weeds around it. If interested, can take a cutting of blackberry to propagate at home.
- The compost bins are full from cleaning out garden, it will break down over time.

Harvest Dinner – October 26th at clubhouse

- Potluck by membership – will plan to send out a sign-up genius

Meeting adjourned – Marie made motion to adjourn, Jade seconded

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape