

**BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB
MEETING NOTES
November 12, 2019**

Liz Rolison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Nominations (Laurie Leichman)

Laurie read the slate of candidates nominated for the Board positions for 2020. They are as follows:

David Whitehouse	President
Phyllis Bassin	Co-President
Marcia Rackliffe	Treasurer
Marie Rape	Secretary

Laurie introduced Phyllis Bassin and asked Phyllis to share her background with the group. A motion was made to approve the candidates for office. The motion was approved.

Laurie thanked Billie Baker and Jean Holstein for their service. Billie Baker, Club Secretary, read a note of appreciation to Liz and Laurie from Jean.

Financial Report (Liz)

The current balance is \$5,585.93. A small amount of additional revenue is expected from pepper jelly sales and member dues. The current ending balance is \$800 over the club's beginning balance for the year.

The bulbs from the sale will be distributed on Thursday. Neil will coordinate the pick up.

The vendor was a good communicator; however, the sale was not as profitable as the poinsettia sales were in past years. The bulb sale grossed \$930 and the club's profit was \$335.

Other options will be considered for next year.

Membership (Stacey)

Currently, there are 45 registered household memberships. All members have paid with the exception of one. Thirty five are renewals and ten are new club members.

Liz will update the email distribution list with the new garden club membership information.

Stacey will step away from the Membership position so the club is seeking a new chair. Responsibilities include the membership drive, membership announcements, keeping member records, and coordinating the garden tour.

Harvest Dinner (Liz)

Dan and Tom were thanked for all their help with the Harvest Dinner. Julie was acknowledged for her organization efforts and for the pepper jelly. Noreen, Marie, and Linda were thanked for the lovely flowers. Members were reminded to return the vases to Marie. Zita and all the members who helped set up were also acknowledged for their work.

Planting (Laurie)

Water is turned off in the gardens. There is still some kale, Swiss chard, and collard greens in the garden. Lettuce was covered to protect it from the freezing temperatures. Members were reminded not to disturb the newly-planted garlic.

During fall clean up put the dead vegetables in the compost pile and pile up the pulled out plants that will be ground up. Pull everything in the flower beds except the coneflowers.

Sue Pflum did soil tests and shared the results. The soil tests revealed a high pH. A high pH interferes with nutrient uptake. Sulfur is high. Phosphorus is high and interferes with nitrogen uptake.

Snap peas will be planted in January.

Mike explained that the excessive coffee grounds were raising the phosphorus level. Research says there should be no more than 10% coffee grounds in composts. Members can still add their coffee grounds; however, they will no longer be using all the coffee grounds from Break Away Cafe.

Engineering

Volunteers are needed to work compost with Mike. Don will help after January. Students may be recruited from Eagle Scouts, high school, and colleges.

The last event of the year is the lighting of the Boulder Park Garden. Zita bought quality outdoor lights last year. Zita will pick a date and two to three people will put the lights up where Zita would like them to be located.

A transition meeting will be set up with the new officers.

Membership meetings will still be held the second Tuesday of each month in 2020. There will be no December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.