

BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB
Meeting Notes
September 10, 2019

Liz Rolison called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. She introduced Laurie Leichman, Co-President.

Financial Report (Liz Rolison)

The current account balance is \$4,994.27. The club should end the year with a balance of approximately \$6,500, including revenue from the Fall Fundraiser and membership dues.

Fundraising (Liz Rolison)

The club will be selling bulbs during the Fall Fundraiser. The company is a family-owned company located in eastern North Carolina. Sales will be online and will offer 10 varieties of bulbs, including two collections. Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths, Irises, and Allium will be among the varieties available. The sale will run from the end of September through the end of October. The company will bag the bulbs and will provide instructions. The delivery is scheduled for November 14. Neil Pederson, Leila McKay, and Suzan Bumby will assist with the sale.

Membership (Liz Rolison)

We have received 15 membership registrations and six of them are new members. New members will receive a welcoming email. The semi-annual "Open House/Garden Tour" will be held this Saturday, September 14, in Boulder Park. Stacey will organize and Billie will provide cookies.

Stacey, Laurie, and Liz will attend the HOA "Meet and Greet" on Thursday, September 19, to represent the Garden Club and share all the club has to offer with the new homeowners.

Social Activities (Liz Rolison)

Thursday, September 12 ~ Presentation: Growing Herbs ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ 28 have RSVP'd

Saturday, October 26 ~ Harvest Dinner ~ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ~ Dan will provide the herb-crusted beef tenderloin with roasted vegetables ~ Members will bring side dishes ~ Julie Wagner will coordinate member sign-up for the dinner

Planting (Laurie Leichman)

The gardens are in a transition period. If you visit Briar Patch, please take the eggplant and yellow squash while they are still edible. Butter beans are located in the raised beds and tomatoes, peppers, and okra are also still available.

Thursday will be a work day at Briar Patch. Members will plant collards, lettuce, turnips, and bok choy.

The big bed at Boulder is in need of attention and will be addressed soon.

Garlic will be planted in October.

Engineering (Larry Pflum)

Irrigation has been a challenge this year. There have been many breaks and disconnects. In late winter (February), the current lines will be removed and replaced with new line. The reserve lines will be depleted. Larry recommends purchasing a heavier grade of line next time as these lines were not durable enough. It takes about half a day to change out the lines in each garden.

Mike will clad one side of the inside of the shed so that tools can be hung on the wall. The outline of each tool will be drawn on the wall to identify its proper place.

Election 2020 (Laurie Leichman)

New officers are needed for next year. Nominations will be taken next month during the October meeting. Each nominee must be present. Elections will take place at the November meeting. Club members who have paid their dues by November 7 are eligible to vote in the election.

One club member has expressed preliminary interest in the Co-President position. Nominees are still needed for Vice-President or Co-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The club has excellent records and extensive documentation. Some current officers will remain in the club to provide sustainability of core knowledge. New energy and perspective are welcome and support a healthy, strong organization.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.