

Briar Chapel Garden Club (BCGC) Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

Zoom meeting: Meeting called to order at 7pm by co-president David Whitehouse

Finance Report: Scott provided a Finance Report for January 2021:

CURRENT BALANCE \$5,619.33

INCOME YTD \$0 (Pending \$33.68)

TOTAL INCOME YTD \$0 (Pending \$33.68)

EXPENSES YTD \$0 (\$58.25 has not cleared)

DETAILS FOR JANUARY

- INCOME \$0
 - MEMBERSHIP \$0
 - FUNDRAISING \$0
 - TOTAL INCOME MONTH TO DATE \$0
- EXPENSES \$0

Membership: Marie provided a report on membership

- Currently at 38 families, 50 members; includes 1 new member joining this past week.
- We will likely get more members joining in spring / summer months when it is nice out.

Planting Survey: David reported the following:

- Jenna put together a survey for BCGC members to complete to assess what they want vegetable to plant this year. Please complete the survey by this Friday.
- A future survey will be sent out about preferences for flowers and herbs. Noreen has reviewed and provided feedback.

Planting / Soil Amendments:

- 2 groups of people, being very socially distant and safe, spread soil amendments in both gardens today – most all rows, raised beds and areas with flowers.
- Amendments included chicken manure, mushroom compost, and pine fines. May need a few more bags to finish. Need a lot added to the garlic beds as they are heavy users of nutrients.
- Irrigation lines were moved out of the way while adding soil amendments, now sitting at end of rows. The lines were left in place in the raised beds and soil amendments added on top.
- Row where tomatoes did poorly was likely nutrient starved; Sue picked a good soil mix to add.
- The snow (sugar snap) peas planted a month ago are now poking through the ground.
- The row with carrots which has thick grass, plan to cover with black cloth.
- Flowers will use previously harvested seeds and grow plants in cold frame rather than buying many plants or seeds this year.
- In coming months, need to decide where we want to move fencing/posts. Could leave posts in place and buy additional ones for new locations; however, leaving posts in makes it difficult to till the ground around them. It will require 2-3 people working together to move/place new posts.
- David will send an email to BCGC membership to remind them to contact Noreen if interested in helping with flowers and Marci if interested in helping with herbs.
- Many club members are now getting their COVID vaccines so may be able to do a bit more together in the garden in coming months.

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC Secretary