

Briar Chapel Garden Club Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022

1. **Meeting called to order** at 7pm by Co-President Rick Thompson
2. **Financial Report**
 - Scott Kiser reported the BCGC had a balance of \$4330 currently in the bank.
 - See report prepared by Scott that is uploaded to the BCGC website for details.
 - 2 members paid their dues by check at the meeting (I. Linton, Zita Dauler)
3. **Flower Sale**
 - Marie Rape reported the mum and pansy sale yielded a profit of \$1556.77 for the BCGC.
 - The final profit amount included online sales (104 orders), extra flowers sold the day of the distribution and flowers sold at the fall festivals.
 - The club purchased extra flowers to ensure we didn't run short with orders and to meet the discount price for pansies.
 - A poinsettia sale for Nov/Dec is still up in the air. Doris Jackem volunteered to organize. Rick will follow up with her.
4. **Work options at Gardens**
 - There will be a workday at Briar Patch this coming Saturday (10/15/22) at 9am
 - Mike and David will be meeting this week to work on the compost bins
 - Saturday (10/22/22) will be a workday at Boulder.
 - We will hold an onion and garlic tutorial during this workday.
5. **Membership**
 - Membership drive has begun and will run through November 15th 2022.
 - There have been 10 renewals for 2023 (includes 2 families paying dues at this meeting) and we have 1 family that paid initial dues Aug 2022 which will count toward 2023 membership.
 - The onion and garlic tutorial at the 10.22.22 workday will also serve as an opportunity to promote membership. The event will be open to all of BC. Rick posted it on social media and has received a lot of interest.
 - We will plan to hold another membership drive with a social event in the Spring of 2023
6. **Harvest Dinner**
 - This event scheduled for mid-Oct was cancelled
 - We needed several volunteers to plan the dinner but only had 2 people agree to organize the event. We may try to do a social event possibly in the spring.
7. **Election of Officers**
 - Bylaws say the Garden Club will take nominations for office in October and elections in November of each year. In the past when we weren't yet ready for elections, we took a motion to move the nominations and elections to Nov and Dec respectively.
 - Current officers (Rick Thompson, Marie Rape and Scott Kiser) plan to run again; however, we need another co-president.
 - We will hold off on elections until Nov / Dec 2022.
 - Proposal was made to re-write the Bylaws to have an option to have a program / leadership board instead of the 4 formal officer positions. This would allow the club to operate with a larger group made up of representatives for planting, water lines, compost, herbs, flowers. We would still need to have some designated positions such as President, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - David Whitehouse volunteered to read over the Bylaws to see what we would need to re-write to incorporate the option for a program / leadership board and what type of numbers (quorum) would be needed to vote on revised Bylaws.

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8. New Business

- Zita has asked if the Boulder Garden can be decorated with holiday lights and garland over the Thanksgiving weekend as has been done in the past. Everyone agreed.
- The lockboxes at the gardens are getting difficult to open for some members. We may need to consider replacing them in the Spring.

9. Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC secretary