

Briar Chapel Garden Club (BCGC) Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

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

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

Current balance is at \$4888

Spent \$700 on soil enhancements

Income \$138 from dues (4 families who joined club)

We are in a great place right now with the balance we have in the bank

See full finance report uploaded on the BCGC website

Membership: Marie provided a report on membership

- Currently at 41 families, 54 members; includes 4 new families joining this past month.

Planting:

- David discussed the results of the survey that were sent to the club by email this week. Plan to make some changes to what we plant based on what members said they wanted, considering those veggies that hit 50% or higher mark on survey:
 - More lettuce - all kinds, tomatoes, radishes, garlic, arugula, fairy tale eggplants, peppers
 - Not many voted for jalapeno or hot peppers so only a few of those plants are needed
- Too early to plant yet as very little rain and water not yet on in gardens, but will start soon
- May skip sweet potatoes this year as take up too much space, instead more tomatoes
- Survey indicated we are growing the herbs people want, need more dill, parsley, tarragon
- Need to find a more disease resistant basil
- Herbs did not do well in Briar Patch due to area where planted stayed too wet, poor drainage
- Plan to move Okra to fence line (north of compost) in Briar instead of in herb garden section
- A member questioned if it would be simpler and make it easier for members to find herbs if they were all planted in one garden, move them all to Boulder? Not sure there is enough space for all, considering dill needs a lot of space.
- May consider putting in some raised beds that are so wet in Briar Patch. Put in gravel at bottom and good soil on top which would help with drainage issues.
 - David will ask Myatt to give estimate on replacing some raised beds that are rotting, need to get on HOA budget (July/Aug)
- Concern that sprinklers from area around Briar Patch in the past were broken causing reclaimed water to spray into garden area. David will speak with clubhouse management to ensure any sprinkler issues are addressed and that reclaimed water does not spray into gardens.
- Concern also that water tap at Boulder Garden that feeds water lines may be reclaimed water, Liz says it is not per documents describing water lines that she has. Liz and David will confirm.
- Flowers group will start working this month, planting seeds, will discuss more next month.
- Jenna and Rick will not be able to work on the flower sale right now, but hopefully in the fall there will be one.
- Popular days for working in the garden per the survey include Sat/Sun during day and Weds/Thursday mornings
- David will send email updates to notify club members of workdays and activities in the garden.

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC Secretary