

Briar Chapel Garden Club Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2022

1. **Virtual Meeting called to order** at 7pm by Co-President Rick Thompson
2. **Minutes approved from last month (11/15/22)** – Jenna made motion, Rick seconded, all voted in favor
3. **Financial Report provided by Scott Kizer**
 - Current balance in our account 5,395.82 with only a few expenses remaining to be paid
 - We are ending the year about \$500 more in income vs expenditures this year
4. **Membership:**
 - No new families have joined in the last month
 - We have 44 families who have renewed for 2023, which reflect over 50 people who are actively engaged in the club
 - Anticipate more members joining or re-joining in the spring
5. **Election of Officers**
 - Formal nominations for officers were made last month:
 - i. Rick Thompson, co-president
 - ii. Stephanie Humphries, co-president, will work along-side Rick this year to learn role
 - iii. Marie Rape, secretary
 - iv. Scott Kiser, treasurer
 - Laurie Leichman motioned that we elect the individuals nominated last month, Mike Gorman seconded the motion, all in attendance at the meeting voted in favor; the motion carried
6. **Gardens**
 - Will plan to hold a workday at the gardens on the next nice Sat or Sunday, watch for an email
 - Planning to send out a survey early in 2023 to ask what members want us to plant in coming year
 - Mike and Dave are finishing up the compost bin work, need a few more boards
 - Garlic and onions looking good, will go dormant over winter and then will start growing in spring
 - In past we mulched with bark or straw around garlic, critical before cold weather
 - Garden gates have been left unlocked or with code prominently displayed several times recently, Rick will change loc code in January
 - Liz is worked with Zeta to put up the lights and holiday décor at Boulder garden. Zeta cleaned up the shed at Boulder.
7. **New Business**
 - Noreen proposed a presentation in the spring about composting by Julie Moore.
 - i. Group asks for more information about Julie's background - who she is and her company. Noreen will get more information and share with the club at future meeting
 - ii. If we have her give a talk, recommend making it open to neighborhood and hold it on a Saturday instead of Tuesday during meeting
 - Cold frame top came off in a storm (in shed now). Mike will take a look at it to see if can fix it.
 - Spring flower sale – Liz and Deb starting to work on it. After the holidays, they will come up with a plan for selling flowers in the spring.
 - Compost has had a lot of weeds in it. Recommendation to add some manure to compost which will heat it up and reduce weeds. Others recommended adding manure to beds. We will re-group in January to discuss this topic more.
8. **Motion to adjourn** at 7:35 PM by David Whitehouse, 2nd by Jenna.

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC secretary