

Briar Chapel Garden Club (BCGC) Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

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

Membership update: 30 families / 40 individuals (1 individual joined during the meeting)

Officer nominations:

Stacey Donelan made a motion to nominate the following individuals for BCGC officer positions for year 2021:

- David Whitehouse – co-president
- Marie Rape – secretary
- Rick Thompson – co-president
- Scott Kizer – treasurer

Larry Pflum seconded the motion

All BCGC members (20) in attendance on the zoom call voted in favor of electing the individuals to office (note: only individuals who had paid their BCGC dues were allowed to vote).

Poinsettia sale:

- 15 orders to date with \$38 profit
- Last day to place order is Nov 14, 2020
- The nursery will deliver all the plants to Briar Chapel despite the order being small.
- There was a recommendation for Phyllis to look into extending the sale by another week.

Garden update:

- Scott Kizer pulled the jasmine at Boulder garden
- Put in 7 blueberry plants in Boulder, may take a few years to produce
- Another Fig tree planted in corner at Boulder
- Briar Patch has some ground cover cloth now to reduce weeds
- Cover crops (e.g., peas) were plan at Boulder to improve soil and reduce weeds
- Water still on at the garden; usually Myatt turns it off. Might need to remind BC office to tell Myatt that gardens need water to be turned off.

Mulching / Compost:

- Sue used the chipper on the sticks and trunks at Boulder and then put the mulch on several rows
- Compost was also put on several garden rows so there is much less in bin 2 now
- Marie cleaned up the flowers in Briar Patch, just a few flowers remain that need to be removed
- There is a huge pile (5 ft tall, 10 ft long) at Briar Patch that needs to be mulched or carted off to dump
 - Mike will look for an industrial chipper for us to rent, possibly Home Dept, and then we can put the chips down on the plants growing now in the garden (e.g., onions)
 - Another option is to rent a truck to take all of it to the dump

Holiday Lights at Boulder:

- Zeta kept the lights from last year to be safe
- Sue recommends putting net lights up on the fig tree to make it easier to remove
- Liz will organize a day to put up the lights and get the lights from Zeta

Finances:

We had a very good year with the flower fundraiser and as a result, we will end the year ahead. We've spent less this year than last year at this time although we didn't have the harvest dinner. David is hoping to hold a party / dinner in the spring once COVID 19 is under control which will use some of the excess funds.

Finance Report through end of October from Marci:

2019 SURPLUS-----\$5,794.05
INCOME YTD-----\$3,819.64
TOTAL REVENUE YTD----\$9,613.69
EXPENSES YTD-----\$3,235.62

DETAIL: INCOME REPORT

MEMBERSHIP \$134.72
FUNDRAISING \$00.00
INCOME MTD \$134.72

EXPENSE REPORT

PLANTING \$64.64
EXPENSES MTD

Next Meeting will be held in December

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm