

BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB
MEETING NOTES
June 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Liz Rolison.

Financial Report (Jean Holstein)

Carryover from 2017:	\$3,978.97
Income YTD:	\$2627.00
Expenses YTD:	\$2566.71
Current Balance:	\$4,039.26

Tax Filing: In order to complete IRS Form 990-n, a Club profile must be setup on the IRS website. This was not possible because the EIN number was not recognized. Jean communicated with the IRS by phone. She should be able to access the form after July 25, 2018. There are no penalties for completing the form late. December is the deadline to submit information from last year. Bylaws need two signatures.

Access to Gardens (Liz Rolison)

Liz asked if there were any members unclear about how to access the gardens with the current locking system. The garden has been left unlocked. Liz will send out instructions again.

Planting Update (Sue Pflum/Liz Rolison)

Sue reminded members that they could take the full heads of lettuce now. She provided a summary of which vegetables were ready to be picked. The kale is still good. Yellow squash is now available. She suggested donating the larger squash to CORA. Valerie and Liz will help pick the squash to donate. The tomatoes need two more weeks to ripen. Sun Golds will be the first to ripen. The banana peppers in the Briar Patch are almost ready; beets are not. Emails will be sent to communicate which crops are ready for harvesting. White flags will also identify crops ready to be harvested.

A workday for the Briar Patch is scheduled for this coming Saturday (June 16). Pine straw will be applied, sweet potatoes will be planted, and beds weeded. Liz will get ten bales of pine straw.

Flowers are progressing. The intent of the flower garden is to attract pollinators and provide cut flowers and dried flowers. The Eucalyptus has been cut.

Children's Garden (Valerie Vickers)

Currently, there are two families who work in the Children's Garden. General membership is welcome to pick from the Children's Garden (peas, herbs, mint).

Engineering Report (Larry Pflum/Don Michels)

Irrigation: The stuck valve in boulder has been repaired. The raised beds are on battery-operated timers. Members are reminded not to touch the spigots on the left. The control box in Briar Patch was non-functional. It was replaced but is currently locked. John Davis at Myatt has been notified. There have been two punctures in the lines at Briar Patch. Members are reminded to be careful of the drip lines when weeding. The lines can be temporarily moved out of the way when working in the beds.

Tomato plant supports are working well. Bunny barriers are up. Bunny problems continue in the Briar Patch.

The Briar Patch shed needs staining. The compost bins must be moved. The shed will be pressure washed and stained. Don Michels will handle.

Paz Farm Tour (Liz Rolison)

Club members helped pick strawberries at Paz Farm twice. They may need to reach out for the club's help again, and members are always willing to help a neighbor.

Upcoming Events (Liz Rolison)

Bocce Ball Event Will be rescheduled.

Dan Taylor's Cooking Class July 28 — Dan will provide a pickling demonstration only open to club members.

Brie Arthur's Talk Will be open to the community.

Pansy/Mum Sale Plants from Multi-Flora will be preordered and paid online. Plants will be delivered to the clubhouse for pickup.

Additional Community Garden (Liz Rolison)

A meeting was held with Selina and Garretson to request space for a new garden. Great Meadow is the ideal location. 76 families are currently registered and new members are now placed on a wait list. Club representatives were asked to develop a draft design. One of the suggestions is to have a shed/greenhouse combination. Liz has sent emails to schedule a meeting. To date, no response has been received. (Additional information received after the club meeting: A meeting has been scheduled for Club representatives to meet with Selina and Garretson on June 27.)

Adjournment 7:43 p.m.

