

Briar Chapel Garden Club Minutes
May 26, 2020; 7:00pm

Meeting held by Zoom - All 4 members of the leadership team attended the call along with 8 other members. The club will start doing these meetings using Zoom on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm for the time being. Updates will be sent out via email as we get closer to the June 9th meeting.

Membership – Marie Rape provided a report on membership. There currently are 78 families who have paid their dues and are in the club. 9 of those are new members since the time of our last meeting.

Finance - Marci provided a finance report. See attached document. There is currently \$5533.18 funds available. The club is doing well financially and we are staying within our budget. We will purchase a few more peppers and tomatoes to catch up on planting and only need to buy some garlic later in the year.

Compost / Trash – much of the trash and plant debris has been taken to the dump today. There is still one big pile at Briar Patch that needs to be hauled off. Noreen has been doing a great job keeping up with the composting.

Irrigation System – Sue and Larry are getting the new irrigation lines set up. All the lines have been replaced and drip tape is being laid out as each row gets planted. The system was turned off in Bolder as we will be getting a lot of rain this week. The system at BP has a rain sensor so it is still on. Someone has been fiddling with the irrigation system and turned it off. Sue will make signs to tell people to not touch it. See additional notes below.

Fertilization – Moxie Greenwell has stepped up to take responsibility for fertilizing the gardens. Mike recommends doing it every 6 wks.

Herb Garden – Marci reports that 2 people (Linda Harper and Flossie Jacobs) will be co-chairs of the herb garden at PB and Marci will oversee them. Marci will continue to manage the herb garden at Bolder. There will be more lavender and basil planted soon.

Fire Ants – Some ants were found in the middle raised bed at Bolder (near gate). A flag was placed and the area treated.

Social Activities – Phyllis discussed what we might want to consider doing as a group. We are not sure if the clubhouse will be opened at all this summer. We have speakers scheduled for July and a cooking class in August. We have not cancelled them yet so will just wait to see what happens for now. Considering doing a bulb sale in the fall where we could have them delivered to the person at home.

First Residential – We are working with Rick Moran to get electricity at the garden (may need to go in the budget) and to get more grit for the paths.

Additional Updates from the club co-president (sent by email to the club listserv):

- Go get snap peas from Boulder! There has been a recent flush in production and you should go get them while you can as they will be pulled this weekend to make room for tomatoes. Just to

let you know, they blanch and freeze well to save for the future. The snap peas are done at Briar Patch and have been pulled already.

- Irrigation controllers. Please do NOT mess with the irrigation controllers. We have running hoses and spigots that are working. If you mess with the timing mechanisms, things may not get watered automatically and they will die. Enough said. Larry and Sue have been preparing rows as they get planted, and everything that needs water is getting it now. They will finish up Briar Patch after the next bout of rain we will get in the next couple of days.
- If you are putting compost into the piles and it is in compostable bags, please dump the material out of the bags to allow both to compost quicker. Do not just place the sealed bag in the pile.
- Weeding and tying up plants. Now that it is warming up, the weeds are taking off big time. The folks that adopted rows to weed have done a great job keeping up with them, but it will get harder to do so. If you are in the gardens, and see a bunch of weeds, please take a few minutes and pull weeds wherever you are. Once our peppers and tomatoes start stretching out, there will be lots of need to tie them up to the supports we will have for each plant. There will be scissors and twine in the shed to assist with the job. Be sure not to choke the plants by tying them up too tight.
- I have included the maps showing who has signed up for the rows and beds in both gardens. If you see a blank spot and want to help, please let me know what spot you want to adopt.
- Gates are still being left unlocked. I think I have mentioned this in every update. Lock the gate when you leave the gardens.
- We have new pepper, bean and tomato varieties planted in both gardens. Eggplant is going in this week, as well as lots more tomatoes and additional herbs. Sweet potatoes will be planted June 2 in Briar Patch.
- Things are coming along well. Thanks to everyone for making the gardens work in these trying times.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape

Briar Chapel Garden Club Finance Report

MARCH/APRIL 2020

2019 Surplus.....	\$5,794.05
Income YTD.....	\$204.75
Total Revenue YTD.....	\$5998.80
Expenses YTD.....	\$465.62
Funds Available.....	\$5533.18

Details

Income Report

<u>Membership</u>	
April	\$204.72
Total	\$204.72
<u>Fundraising</u>	
Total	\$00.00

Income YTD **\$204.72**

Expense Report

<u>Engineering</u>	
March/April	\$52.00
Total	\$52.00
<u>Planting</u>	
March/April	\$67.90
Total	\$67.90
<u>Special</u>	
February	\$141.60
Total	\$141.60
Expenses YTD	\$465.22