

## **Briar Chapel Garden Club (BCGC) Meeting Minutes**

**January 12, 2021**

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

**BCGC members in attendance:** 17

**New Officers introduced:** Scott Kizer (treasurer), Rick Thompson (co-president in charge of social/fundraising)

**Finance Report:** Marci provided a Nov 2020 Finance Report and a FY 2020 Year End Finance Report.

David summarized the garden club finances:

- Ended 2019 with surplus of \$5360.03
- Income YTD in 2020 of \$4854.90
- Total Revenue of \$10,214.93
- Expenses in 2020 of \$4237.54
- Funds available to start 2021 of \$6110.94

David explained that finances are in good shape to start the year. We bought some important equipment this year and have a bit more in the bank due to not holding the harvest dinner in October due to COVID, but hopefully can do something later this year when restrictions are lifted.

### **Planting:**

- 6 rows of sugar snap peas, 3 in each garden have been planted.
- Need soil builder to help improve the soil base with good nutrients, will get some over the next few months. It will be a big job to lay it out so will ask the club members to help.
- Plan next month to survey club members to see what they want to plant this year, what they like/don't like. Already know members like pear tomatoes, fairy eggplants, Chinese mustard.
- Sue plans to look for some tomato plants that do really well in the NC summer heat.
- Collards need some fertilizer if it hasn't already been done.
- Collards need some compost to be mounded up at plant stem— Flocy will take that on.
- Need more Kale in the winter beds next year.

### **Herb Gardens:**

- Marci is making a plan for what to plant in each of the herb gardens and where to plant it.
- Flocy will be taking over the briar patch herb garden this year under Marci's direction.

### **Compost:**

- Mike asks that large pieces (vines or stalk) are not put into the compost. Lay this material to the side of the bins so it can be ground up first. Otherwise, it makes it difficult to turn the compost. There is no worry about large chunks of food as this breaks down easily.
- If instead you put plant material/vines/stalks in the garbage cans, please shake off any dirt first.

### **Membership:**

- Currently at 35 families. Although this number appears low, Laurie says this is typical for this time of the year. We get more members joining in spring / summer months when it is nice out.
- We will do a push for members, maybe an open house at the garden in the spring, put some ads in the Briar Chapel newsletter

**Social / Fundraising:**

- Plant sale – Rick said he met with Phyllis to get some information on fundraising and previous plant sales
- Liz volunteered to also share information / ideas on fundraising with Rick, says she will help with the online tools to support the plant sale.
- Liz will also share information with Rick about the other social activities the BCGC has done in the past.
- One event that was very successful during COVID restrictions was the Debbie Roos presentation via Zoom. It would be great if we could line up other similar presentations via Zoom for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of this year while still social distancing. Good times for holding these events is Sat / Sun during the day or weeknights at 7pm.

**Reimbursement Forms:**

- Sue is missing a reimbursement from December. She will follow up with Marci or Scott.

**Garden Lock:**

- The lock to each of the gardens was changed earlier this month. The new code was sent to BCGC members via email.

**Minutes written by Marie Rape**