

Briar Chapel Garden Club Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2022

Meeting called to order by Rick Thompson, president of Briar Chapel Garden Club at 7pm

1. **Approve April 2022 minutes**
2. **Finance report** – Scott Kizer was unavailable for the meeting. Finance report shared by email.
3. **Work options –**
 - a. **Boulder:**
 - i. Weed along the fence lines - mostly outside the fence
 - b. **Briar Patch:**
 - i. Weeding along the fence line around the blackberry plants (most of mint has been removed outside and inside the fence).
 - c. **“Know Your Rows”** sheet with row assignments attached. This program will help us all as the spring turns to summer and we can stay ahead of the weeds this year. Many rows are now assigned at both gardens.
 - i. If you haven’t selected a row or raised bed, please sign up or just tell Rick you are interested and he will assign you a row. At garden workdays, we will identify those who haven’t signed up and put their name down for a row.
 - d. **Workdays** will be scheduled for weekends. Watch email for dates
4. **Vegetables/Fruits at Gardens** - Snap peas starting to bloom, lots of strawberries and lettuce available.
5. **Fundraising committee of four** – we will train and educate this group. Volunteers needed to start planning now. Your call for spring, summer or fall events. Need two more people – we have 2 signed up. This is vitally important as we spend about as much as we make each year. Most of our costs are for plants, seeds and maintenance to the gardens.
6. **Water is turned on** at both gardens and the engineer committee is working on running the drip lines.
7. **Repairs at Gardens:** Compost bins are going to receive an upgrade – Mike and David are working on specs, getting new wood. The latch on the shed at Briar Patch is loose, Larry will look at it / fix it.
8. **Great job this weekend by everyone.** We cleared the mint from Briar Patch and most of the outside of the fence line. We still have work to do on the outside (and inside) of the fence line. Path clearing is continuous and May will be another month of cleaning up the garden’s pathways and outside fences. If you need instructions, please ask. Rick’s email coachrick2024ce@gmail.com is the best way to contact him and he can answer any/all questions.
9. **New Business** – Discussed various options for social activities
 - a. Possibly hold an open house to get new member (Darcy had mentioned helping to arrange)
 - b. For current BCGC membership to engage our current members:
 - i. Garden Club Social Hour – Mimosas, muffins/donuts, and training in how to tie up tomatoes; will be held June 18th from 9:30am – 11am; Rick will send out announcement via email to garden club members
 - ii. Bocce ball tournament (see if Stacy D will organize)
10. **Motion to adjourn**

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC secretary

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Briar Patch – Little Garden in the alley

Raised Beds at Briar Patch

Back left – Radishes and Japanese Mustard (Melody Wilson)
Back Center – Garlic (OPEN)
Back Right – Lettus and Romaine (Stacey Donelan)
Middle Left – Garlic (OPEN)
Middle Center – Buttercrunch lettuce (OPEN)
Middle Right – Egg Plants (OPEN)

Ground bed (left of path from entrance gate)

Row 1 (closest to fence) Rick and Jenna Thompson
Row 2 – Rick and Jenna Thompson
Row 3 – David and Linda Whitehouse
Row 4 – David and Linda Whitehouse

Ground Bed (right of path from entrance gate)

Row 5 – (closest to path) – Kale and Collard Greens (Liz Rolison)
Row 6 – Peppers (OPEN)
Row 7 – (OPEN)
Row 8 – (OPEN)
Row 9 – Sugar snap peas (OPEN)
Row 10 – Flowers and flower committee (Okra plants – Rick Thompson)
Row 11 – Flowers and flower Committee
Cucumber Trellis in bed – (Rick and Jenna Thompson)

Herb Garden and Onion rows – (Sue Pflum)

Blackberries and grapes on fence – (Phillip Cantor)

Boulder Park

Raised Beds at Boulder Park

Back Fence on the left – buttercrunch lettuce and Romaine (Laurie Leichman)
Back Center – mustard and radishes (OPEN)
Back Right – garlic (Darcy Bowman)
Front Left – Carrots, Radishes, and Basin (Keith King)
Front Center – Cucumbers (Sue Pflum)
Front Right – lettuce (Keith King)

Ground Bed (right of pathway, up against the fence on righthand side, middle)

Row 1 (closest to path) – collards and tomatoes (Chris Dong)
Row 2 – Kale and tomatoes – (Sarah Frost and Jessica Davis)
Row 3 – Green Beans (OPEN)
Row 4 – Squash and Zucchini (OPEN)
Row 5 – Squash and Zucchini (OPEN)
Row 6 – Squash and Zucchini (OPEN)
Row 7 – Flowers on fence line

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Ground Bed to left of path, front

Row 1 – (closest to path) – Beets and Turnips (Chris Dong)
Row 2 – Tomatoes (OPEN)
Row 3 – snow peas (Linda Tolentino)
Row 4 – snap peas (Linda Tolentino)
Row 5 – tomatoes (John Gabriele)
Row 7 – Red onions and white onions (OPEN)

Herb garden – (Sue Pflum)

Strawberry Patches – (Scott Kiser)

Briar Chapel Garden Club Financial Report April 2022

DETAILS FOR APRIL

INCOME

- MEMBERSHIP \$66.75
- FUNDRAISING \$0
- MISCELLANEOUS \$0
- TOTAL INCOME \$66.75

EXPENSES \$207.74

- NET INCOME -\$140.99
- INCOME YTD \$366.70
- EXPENSES YTD \$1,166.51

CURRENT BALANCE \$4,067.51