

Briar Chapel Garden Club Minutes
January 13, 2026

The meeting began with social time and snacks/drinks. Rick Thompson called meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Approval of the December 2025 minutes –

- Marsha made a motion to approve the minutes; Linda seconded. All approved.

Financial Report – Stephanie Humphries (Secr.) provided a summary

- Income - \$333.92 (from membership dues)
- Expenses - \$686.20 (majority of expense for yearly website cost)
- Current balance - \$4361.40
- The clubs YTD expenses and income are nearly the same as last year
- Kianta (HOA management) asked for a year-end report, Stephanie provided a copy of the club's ledger
- More details are available in the spreadsheet kept by the treasurer
- The full December finance report is uploaded on the BCGC website

Garden Work – Rick gave an update

- Shed doors and ramp in Boulder are being repaired by Kuester. Currently waiting on permit sign off.
- The HOA also put in new electrical and new faucets for the garden.
- New locks were put on the garden gates and we set up a new code for the key boxes (check your email for the number).
- Plant magazine were provided. Members asked to look through them for ideas, let Rick know if there is something different from the usual that they are interested in trying.
- Marcel proposed trying the following this year: Butternut squash, leaks, brussels sprouts, and bok choy
- Nikki donated several flower seed packets
- Tomato plants will once again be purchased from the NC Extension office
- Fig tree pruning is planned for early February.
- The garden rows need weeding to prep for planting of sugar snap peas in next few weeks. Please weed any of the rows that have posts and trellis in place.

Flower Sale – update by Rick and Marie

- Ellen was not in attendance but sent an update earlier in the day: She has reached out to Williams Farm (vendor) but they need another 3 wks before they will be ready to give us products and costs.
- Ellen reports vendor is planning for Gerber Daisies, Geraniums, Black Eyed Susans and Hanging baskets with petunias (very popular last year).
- We will discuss more details of flower sale at February meeting.

Membership Update – Marie

- 59 families renewed their membership this past month
- 1 new family joined the garden club tonight and attended their first meeting
- Our membership numbers are typical of years past. The club gains members through Spring and Summer, often peaking at 70-80 families. Typically we add 10-20 new families each year and lose 10-20.

New Business

- Marcel proposes an outing in January for an evening of fun, food, drink & dancing
- Any ideas, please contact Nikki or Marcel

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

- Jordan made motion to adjourn, Marie seconded

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape