

BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB  
Meeting Notes  
March 12, 2019

Liz Rolison called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Holstein)

The current balance is \$5,315.13, including membership dues. Fundraiser profits for the coming year are not reflected. Jean prepared a year-end financial report that has been posted to the club website.

Membership (Liz Rolison)

Two more members joined, bringing the club's membership to 63 households. Memberships will be accepted throughout the year.

An Open House and Garden Tour of Boulder is scheduled for May 18. All Briar Chapel residents are welcome to attend, including Encore residents. Volunteers will be needed.

The club will reach out to the Encore Lifestyle Director to encourage their involvement in Club activities.

Planting (Laurie Leichman)

Snap peas will soon be available for harvest in Boulder and need just a little more time. There are two rows of peas and a note will be sent out regarding their harvesting. Laurie shared the list of plants that were planted, including carrots, kale, lettuces, spinach, arugula, etc.

There will be a scheduled workday this Saturday at Boulder and Thursday at 10:00 at the Briar Patch.

Arden Brady grew plants from seed under her grow light.

Mike described the cold frame he built out of scrap material at Boulder. Herbs have been planted. Plants can be directly planted inside the cold frame or potted plants can be used. He will build a 2X4 A-frame from screening material for \$9.

Garden paths will be sprayed with Echo Blend on Saturday if the sun is shining. Echo Blend is a blend of clove oil and citrus and is advertised as an edible and non-GMO herbicide. It is as effective as Roundup.

Engineering (Liz Rolison)

Larry and Susan will reframe the planters in Boulder and will need volunteers. The Flower Team will meet in a couple of weeks.

Fundraising (Liz Rolison)

Multiflora has closed. The club will use Williams Plant Farm, located outside Wilson, NC.

For the spring fundraiser, the club will be selling 8 inch pots of salvia, hybrid verbena, and black-eyed Susans for \$8 a pot. 10-inch red geraniums and mixed color zinnias will be sold for \$15. The club will decide later if there will be additional flower sales.

Sales will be online, similar to Amazon. There will be no minimum purchase. The last order date is the third week of April with an early May delivery. Liz will order signs costing \$54. Neil Pederson has volunteered to help Leila McKay.

Leila suggested that the club might consider a wine tasting fundraising event.

#### Social Activities (Liz Rolison)

- Matt Jones, from the Chatham County Agricultural Center, will speak on April 11 at 7:00 p.m. This event will be open to the community. An RSVP will be requested. Mark Sonnentag shared that Matt will speak on the role of plants in a healthy ecosystem. A link will be posted to our website.
- The Garden Club will participate in Spring Fest on April 27 from 5-7 p.m. The Club will provide a table for children's activities to include planting flower seeds and making paper tissue flowers. Volunteers are needed.
- The Open House/Boulder Park Garden Tour is scheduled for May 18. Stacey Donelan will organize.
- The Brie Arthur Garden Tour is planned for July 27 at 10:00 a.m. in Fuquay Varina. Lisa Walston is organizing.
- Dan Taylor will provide a cooking class for club members on July 20 at 2:00 p.m.
- A speaker from the NC Botanical Gardens will speak in August on growing and preserving culinary herbs.
- The Harvest Dinner is scheduled for October 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. Dan Taylor and Liz Rolison will organize.

#### Charter Club Update (Liz Rolison)

Liz reviewed prior history. A Charter Club draft document has been prepared by Alyssa, Lifestyle Director for the HOA. Liz, Laurie, and Billie reviewed it. Liz and Laurie will meet with Alyssa to provide input into the final document. Two major perspectives that will be shared are that the Hilton Head document was more advantageous to the club and that there needs to be a balance between administrative oversight and ease of operation.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.