

Briar Chapel Garden Club  
Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2024

Meeting called to order by Rick Thompson

The meeting began with a social time for the attendees and introductions, including one new member (Charlotte Luft).

#### New Fundraiser

- Polly created 4 paintings of the gardens and other spaces in BC that she shared with the members. She is turning them into note cards (box of 8 – 2 of each print) and large prints for framing (8 X10 and 16 X 20 with 2 inch borders) that will be offered for sale.
- The fundraiser will be for the club and general BCCA public, starting next week or so and continue through Thanksgiving week to be read to distribute early Dec.
- Liz is setting up the online store and will monitor it. Boxes of cards will be \$25 each.
- We will need volunteers to help with distribution when orders are ready.
- Planning to offer prints / note cards at BCCA fair (Marie will run booth) 11/16
- Liz recommended asking BCCA management if interested in framing paintings to put up in clubhouse. Polly will talk to BCCA management to explore idea.

#### Minutes

- Minutes from the September meeting are available on the BC Garden Club website.

#### Elections / Nominations

- Nominations for officers took place with current officers agreeing to serve again.
- Nikki made a motion and Marcel seconded to nominate the following officers:
  - Rick Thompson – co president
  - Stephanie Humphries – co president
  - Scott Kiser – Treasurer
  - Marie Rape - Secretary
- Voting will take place at the BCGC meeting in November.
- Only members who have paid their dues for the upcoming year can vote in the election.

#### Membership renewals

- Reminder that now is the time to renew membership (\$35 per family)
- Members that joined club and paid dues Sept 2024 forward due not have to pay any dues for 2025.
- Liz and Scott will handle the accounting for fundraiser vs. member renewal fees

#### Fall harvest dinner

- The BC clubhouse is reserved Oct 27, 2024 for the Harvest Dinner. Starts at 6pm
- Currently 44 families signed up.
- Please sign up if plan to attend and indicate what you will bring.
- Anyone interested in helping set up, come to clubhouse at 1pm. Nikki will handle set up.
- Floral arrangements need to be put together on Saturday. Nikki is unavailable this day. Linda Thomas volunteered to organize. Others planning to help include Noreen O, Marcel D, Marie Rape, Polly, Charlotte, Jenna, and Jade.

#### Finance

- Scott provided report. Current balance of \$4055, about \$200 more than this time last year. See full report uploaded on BCGC website

#### Garden updates

- Thanks to all who attended the work days these past few weekends.
- We will be planting onions and garlic on Sat Oct 26<sup>th</sup> with Jenna giving a tutorial.
- Tulips will be planted later in Nov/Dec in between garlic and onions in big garden.
- We will try to reuse the tulips that were stored from the spring, but will also buy a few more in case they didn't survive and we will buy some daffodils.

#### Field Trip and Activities

- May go to the Lantern Festival, possibly in December or January
- Marcel recommended having a Yankee Swap / White Elephant party at the December BCGC meeting

#### Next meeting

- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 (elections)

Motion to adjourn by Liz

Minutes prepared by Marie Rape