

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

**May 11, 2021**

### **In-person meeting at Clubhouse (porch):**

Meeting called to order at 7pm by co-president David Whitehouse. Introductions were done for all in attendance including identifying the officers and others in key roles in club.

#### **Finance Report:** Scott provided a Finance Report for April 2021:

CURRENT BALANCE \$4,803.86  
APRIL INCOME \$101.04  
INCOME YTD \$443.12  
APRIL EXPENSES \$374.30  
EXPENSES YTD \$1,258.59  
DETAILS FOR APRIL  
INCOME  
MEMBERSHIP \$101.04  
FUNDRAISING \$0  
TOTAL INCOME MONTH TO DATE \$101.04  
EXPENSES \$374.30

The budget spreadsheet was passed around the attendees at the meeting. David explained that the club had a great fundraiser last year selling plants which helped our budget.

**Membership:** Currently 50 families who have paid membership dues. Registrations have increased in recent months with 9 registrations March – early May. Several new members attended the May meeting.

#### **Weeding**

- David sent around a diagram of the gardens and asked members to sign up to weed rows
- Anyone weeding should watch for signs that say “newly planted” to avoid weeding those areas
- We have a weed eater / trimmer to use on the weeds on the garden path
- Please stay away from the irrigation lines with tools when weeding (lines can be moved out of the way temporarily and then returned to their placement afterwards).

#### **Planting:**

- There are lots of strawberries and snap peas available to pick right now
- There was only some minimal damage to the snap peas from the hail storm
- Lettuce needs to be thinned; as it can now be picked, members can pull some by roots to thin
- Planning to get some pine straw needles to go around strawberries
- Sue is looking for volunteers to help to tie up tomato plants. Scott & Linda W volunteered.
- Some pepper plants are now in Briar – Sue will make signs
- To aid in bug control, Sue will place aluminum foil around base of squash / zucchini and spray BT at base (BT is organic, non-harmful).
- Cucumber plants at Briar were eaten, need to set traps.

#### **Flowers**

- There are lots of Mexican sunflowers and Zinnia coming up in the flower beds

**Trash/Compost**

- Member asked “What to do with weeds once pulled?”: Mike says to put them in the compost pile as the heat will kill any seeds. If plants are really big, thick stalks, put them next to compost and someone will chop it before putting in compost.
- Don’t put whole egg shells into compost, have to be finely pulverized or won’t break down well
- Coffee grounds are good for the compost as are vegetable / fruit waste
- If you have big items – watermelon rind, chop up first

**Website**

- Sue added some educational items to the website recently

**Minutes prepared by Marie Rape, BCGC Secretary**