Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

April 3, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:02. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Debi Faver, Karen Kubeczka, Shirley Rigamonti, Kay Hanson-Clerc and Carol Madeley.

Quorum was established.

Bennie moved that the Feb. 28 board minutes be approved. Debi seconded the motion, which passed. Bennie moved that the March 13 board minutes be approved. Shirley seconded the motion, which passed.

Financial Report Due to the absence of Lynda, there was no financial report. Dale Ramey will call Lynda and ask her to share the handling of day-to-day financials with Kay. Lynda will get Quick Books so she and Kay can both have access to the financials. This will allow the club to have a backup treasurer when needed.

Membership Betty Demera and Margaret Maerker are the newest members.

Kim Pope resigned, effective immediately.

Scott Hillman has not paid 2023 dues. He was given extra time, but since he still has not paid, the board decided he should be removed from membership.

Social Secretary A replacement is needed for Kim Pope for social secretary. Bennie will ask one of the newer members to chair the committee.

Fifteenth Anniversary Party The committee is on schedule. Table placements need to be discussed with Cynthia Clayton. Dale Ramey will ask Cynthia if she has a margarita machine.

Programs The field trip to BeeWeaver in March was a big success.

In April, Dr. Robert Puckett will talk about insects. Due to confusion about the date of the meeting, it has been changed from April 19 to April 12 since that's when Dr. Puckett can speak.

Dale Ramey will talk to Sandy Smith about the June meeting. Delena Tull will give a program, possibly on edible plants with foraging for plants. Lillian Farms was discussed as a place to forage. Since it will be so hot in June, a different topic may be a better idea.

Carol will remind members in an email to submit their photos for the photo contest to T.J. Jones at tjjonesartist@gmail.com

Scholarship Shirley reported that three applications have been received. The committee has struggled to meet, but they are working on a point system for choosing recipients. Criteria includes GPA, work experience and volunteer experience. The deadline for applications is May 1.

Club Printing Karen got an estimate from Webb Printing for printing last year's home tour brochure, which was 6 pages long. The estimate was $5.20 per brochure, which is prohibitive. Karen made suggestions to improve the brochure. She recommended providing full page ads for sponsors donating $1,000 and half page ads for sponsors donating $500. Other sponsors would be listed only. This would reduce the size and the cost of the brochure. Karen suggested providing QR codes for all the sponsors on the website so people could go directly to the sponsor's websites.

Website Karen reported that 38 members have set up accounts on the website.

Suggestion Box There were no suggestions in the box.

Home Tour The sponsorship committee has not met but plans to meet by the end of April.

Main Street Cleanup Since the beds look good and it's too early to pull up the bluebonnets, cleanup has been cancelled in April.

Margie Ogrodowicz is in charge of the Memory Garden.

Watering on Main Street The watering reel next to the Rock Store on Main Street has been moved to the alley between Carol's Ice House and Chupacabra Leather Company by Dale Dugas and Alan Gibson. Two extra hoses have been purchased.

Spring Fundraiser The fundraiser with speakers on monarch butterflies, native plants, pollination and bees was held on Saturday, March 25. There was a good turnout, but financial results are not known.

Carol moved that a $25 gift certificate be given to Freida Shipley of First Baptist Church for all her help at the event. Bennie seconded and the motion passed.

Karen has put Zac Stayton's presentation on the website.

Lessons learned from the event were discussed. Tickets are needed for future fundraisers. People are more likely to buy a physical ticket than to go to the website to sign up. Speakers should test their equipment before the event and have a Plan B if it doesn't work. Booths should be separated, rather than combined. Members must take part! If every member had just sold one ticket, the event would have been a financial success. If every member would have helped, it would have been much easier for everyone.

Mothers' Day Fundraiser in 2024 Cynthia Clayton and her daughter are considering organizing a fundraiser at Gold Heart Ranch on Mother's Day in 2024. The club may be asked to help.

Christmas Party The party will be at Janis Boulware's house. Debi reported that the committee no longer wants to be responsible for prizes for contest winners. The board agreed no prizes are necessary.

Next Door Debi reported that she posted general information about the garden club on the app, Next Door. Several people responded and may think they have joined the club. Someone is posting cookies for sale under the name of the garden club. Karen will investigate how to avoid misrepresentation of the club on Next Door.

Secretary 2024 Carol talked to a few members about being secretary in 2024. Janis Boulware expressed interest.

Home Tour Cocktail Party Virginia Malinowski is the chair of the committee and Tina Hart will help. Several others have volunteered to help with cleanup.

Bennie moved to adjourn; Kay seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley