Chappell Hill Garden Club Board Meeting

March 4, 2024

The Chappell Hill Garden Club board was called to order by President Dixie Ford at 2:01 PM in the Sunday School classroom of Chappell Hill Methodist Church. Present were Bennie Yates, Debi Faver, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Dale Ramey, Janis Boulware, and Karen Kubeczka. Quorum (min 4) was established.

Dale moved that the February 5th minutes be approved. Bennie seconded and all voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Kay reported a bank balance of $52,262.85 for cash and two CD's. Storage unit rental was paid for the year in the amount of $1,397.25. The Shell grant plus $300 in paid home tour tickets bring the Total Income to $2,440.39 for February end. Total Expenditures of $1,116.35 leave a Net Revenue of $1,288.00.

Old Business:

Dixie reported that five new/potential new member folders were handed out at the February meeting. She has the committee folders ready for the general meeting to give to the chairs. Each folder contains their committee budget, financial guidelines, and committee members. The committee members will be asked to keep notes during the year and give that information back to the chair to keep for the next year.

New Business:

1) Bennie reported that most of the members got assigned to the committee they requested. There was a discussion about membership requirements and how to increase membership this year. Suggestions made were using Facebook, the newspaper, and word of mouth.

2) Debi repeated that the storage unit has been cleaned out and paid for the year. Unit #15.

3) Dixie said Fran Hunt needs more people for refreshments and may need the board's help to fill spaces for certain months. She also reminded the board that everyone should help pick up after events not held at the church and to make sure all is cleaned up so that the club maintains friendly relationships with event hosts.

4) Lexa Oelze is organizing the 5 Minute Tip, but no one has a list of the presenters. Due to the special guest from the Rose Emporium speaking at the March meeting, it was decided not to have a Tip this month.

5) Committee Reports:

6) Fundraisers – Dale reported that Brenham National has given $200 as a sponsor for the June 15 event. The speakers are confirmed (Justin Duncan and Nick Hempel), a flyer has been created, and she is getting it in the Banner Press, Heights Magazine, Chamber News, etc. Vicki Henson is to send the information out to other garden clubs, and Dixie would confirm this with her.

   Mainstreet Clean Up – Debi needs more people to sign up to water. She also said they will need new ferns and plants for the Wednesday planting event. She has enough

potting soil for Bever's and the Masonic Lodge. She also reported that the 4th of July Parade needs a theme.

Scholarships – Dixie said five applications had been received.

7) Community Outreach – Janis reported on a letter she had received from the Washington VFD requesting various supplies used by the firefighters, such as Gatorade, electrolyte mixes for water, protein snacks, tarps, weed killer, ant killer, hand tools like sledgehammers, axes, and crow bars. She mentioned this would be a good opportunity to get the club's name in the press and use some of the funds allocated for this. Dale made the motion to use $200 to buy supplies, Kay seconded and all approved. Janis offered to buy items and arrange with Dixie as to the best time to present to the Washington VFD.

Dixie then reminded the board of the next general meeting on March 13.

Paula Barrett, Dixie Ford, Fran Hunt, and Glennis Tolunay will provide lunch. There will not be a 5 Minute Tip, and the program will be presented by Marie Jenkins from the Rose Emporium.

Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 pm, Bennie seconded, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware