Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

September 5, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:01. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Karen Kubeczka, Dixie Ford, Lynda Harrison, Debi Faver, Carol Madeley, Kay Hanson-Clerc and Shirley Rigamonti.

Quorum was established.

Debi moved that the July 31 board minutes be approved. Kay seconded the motion, which passed.

Financial Report Lynda presented the financial reports, which are attached to the original minutes. The balance in the operating account as of 8/31/23 was $12,004.93. The club also has a $20,000 CD which will mature 1/13/24 and has accrued approximately $300 in interest.

The net loss through August 2023 was $12,273.45. Deferred home tour ticket sales by members were $4,500. Eighteen members have not purchased their tickets yet. The deadline to purchase the tickets is October 18. Carol will remind members of the deadline in the meeting email.

Lynda will transfer the directors' and officers' insurance to Susan Stover, a local agent who currently handles the club's liability insurance.

Elections Because the club is going on a field trip in October, elections will be held in November.

Home Tour Sponsorship Dale Ramey is emailing bills for sponsorship this year, simplifying the process. About $12,000 in sponsorships has been committed. Donations of $3,374 by ten sponsors has been collected.

Several new sponsors have been added this year and several previous sponsors have increased their sponsorship. Dale Ramey was disappointed that Bank of Brenham will not increase their sponsorship from $250 to $500 like Brenham National Bank and Chappell Hill Bank. The club's CD is at Bank of Brenham. At the time the CD was purchased, Bank of Brenham offered the best rate. When the CD is renewed in 2024, the banks who donated $500 will be considered.

Dale Ramey thanked Karen for organizing the sponsorship information into an easy to use and understand spread sheet.

Home Tour Six homes on the home tour are confirmed.

Coy and Virginia Sevier's event center Heritage Hall is on the tour. They will be having an open house soon. Members will be encouraged to attend to show appreciation. More details about the open house will be sent in an email.

Flyers will be available to hand out to members for distribution at the September meeting. A schedule of volunteers and destinations will be created at the meeting.

Bennie numbered 600 tickets printed by Webb Printing. She will distribute tickets to members who have paid at the September meeting.

Cocktail Party Janice Williams is in charge of the party. Connie Wilder will cater the party at Glennis Tolunay's house.

Home Tour Contest Twyla Kingsley is considering wreaths for this year's contest. A final decision has not been made.

Programs Justin Duncan will speak about medicinal plants at the September meeting. In October, there will be a field trip with lunch afterwards. Sandy Smith is finalizing the details and will give Carol the information for the meeting email.

Christmas Party Connie Wilder will cater the party at Lillian Farms.

Main Street Cleanup The next cleanup is Wednesday, Sept. 6. Debi continues to have problems with volunteers not showing up and not letting her know.

Watering on Main Street Debi will pass around a sign-up sheet for watering for September and October. Due to the high heat and drought, the number of times the beds are watered will be increased from two to three.

There was discussion about the need for more volunteers to water. The possibility of hiring someone to water will be explored.

Suggestion Box Eleven suggestions were made and discussed.

A point of contact person should be assigned to each group providing refreshments.

Speakers should give their presentations before the meeting. Lunch and meeting would follow.

Two suggestions for field trips are the Azalea Trail, March 8-10, 2024 and the Florescence Flower Show at the Fine Arts Museum in April 2024, presented by the River Oaks Garden Club.

Save time by using a sign in sheet instead of roll call.

Use the microphone at meetings.

When using the microphone, move the control to the back of the room to avoid feedback.

Ask members to turn off their cell phones at the beginning of each meeting.

Provide docent information and training prior to the home tour. Bennie will have a training session at the November meeting.

Before the meeting, ask a member in advance to say the prayer. This would give them time to prepare what they will say.

Two compliments were received. One thanked the executive committee for doing a fabulous job. The other sent blessings and thanked the board for all the things they do for the community.

Spring Fundraiser The board agreed the club needed a second fundraiser next year. There was discussion about possibilities, including a speaker or a Mothers' Day Event. Dale Ramey will ask Cynthia Clayton if an event could be held at Gold Heart Ranch.

Membership Vinnie Boyd is the newest member. Betty Demara is having health issues. Dale Ramey will ask Susan Baumann to send her a card.

Website Karen explained that WIX, the club's website platform, no longer allows Pay Pal payments under the club's current account. Pay Pal is very important for fundraisers. The current cost of Wix is $27/month. To be able to use Pay Pal, a more expensive plan is necessary. For $32/month, Pay Pal is included. Karen received a 50% off coupon that must be used today!

Carol moved that the club upgrade their WIX account to the business category at $32/month. Shirley seconded the motion, which passed. Karen will upgrade the account, using the 50% coupon.

The flyers, which say that Pay Pal is not accepted need to be corrected.

Bennie moved to adjourn; Lynda seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley