

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

March 28, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:09. Present were Carol Madeley, Dale Ramey, Karen Kubeczka, Lynda Harrison, Bennie Yates, Debi Faver, Loyce Jardell and visitor, Cynthia Clayton.

Quorum was established.

Karen moved that the March 7 and February 28, 2022 board minutes be approved. Debi seconded the motion, which passed.

Treasurer's Report Lynda reported that only three scholarship applications have been received so far. Lynda moved that the deadline for submitting an application be changed to May 31. Bennie seconded the motion, which passed. Karen will put the updated form on the website. The scholarship committee will be asked to publicize the scholarship opportunity.

The club's tax return will be filed next week.

The Community Outreach Form has been updated. Karen will put it on the website.

Because financial statements are not received until after the board meetings, Dale Ramey asked the board to consider changing the dates of future board meetings.

Home Tour Dale Ramey reported there are three homes in Doe Run, two homes in Chappell Hill and one home in Woodland Farms that are interested in being on the 2022 home tour.

Thirty seven letters were sent to 2021 sponsors and donors, thanking them for their support, telling them how the money was spent and plans for 2022, and asking for their support again this year. The letter lists the things the garden club does for the community, including scholarships, flags, and Main Street beatification.

Main Street Cleanup The next cleanup will be on Wednesday, April 6 at 9 am.

Debi reported that the Watering Schedule is full until July 31. Watering has already begun.

Dale Ramey will send an email to Barry Bennett at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church, asking him to deal directly with Debi Faver about the beds at the church.

Refreshments Loyce reported that the refreshment list for 2022 is complete.

Christmas Lights for Chappell Hill The Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce agreed to contribute \$500 each year for the lights. Carol Salah will ask the merchants on Main Street to donate \$100 each after the Bluebonnet Festival. The goal is to raise about \$1,000 annually from the merchants. The club will donate \$500.

Programs Shirley emailed that the April 13 meeting will be at The Antique Rose Emporium at 10 am. There will be a brief meeting, then lunch at the picnic tables near the parking lot. Members will then be free to roam the beautiful gardens. Carol will send an email to members, asking those who want to carpool to meet at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church. Carpools will leave promptly at 9:30. Members should bring lawn chairs.

The May 11 meeting will be the plant exchange and pot luck at Cindy Blount's house. Lynda will pick up the fried chicken and asked Loyce to make sure she can pick it up at 9 am.

Update on the Discussion at the Feb. 9 General Meeting Dale Ramey reported that Debbie Roberts would like to go to other member's homes to see their gardens. Dale Ramey suggested organizing such a tour for members in 2023.

Jana Lefebvre suggested having an additional email connection with members. Karen gave Jana the club email list. Carol will contact Jana about the status of the project.

Lynda has ordered a suggestion box.

Scholarship and Community Outreach Update Dale Ramey suggested the \$3,000 donation to Washington County EMS be presented at Commissioner's Court in May. Dale Ramey delivered the \$500 donation to the Masonic Lodge. She will mail the \$500 donation to the Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department with a donation request form supplied by the fire department.

Committee Registration Bennie reported that the committees have been finalized, except for a few new members. A copy of the committees and members is attached to the original minutes.

Fourth of July Parade Entry Debi will ask for a vote at the April meeting about having an entry in the Chappell Hill Fourth of July parade.

Sponsor Exposure on Facebook Sponsors donating \$500 or more are promised promotion on the CHGC Facebook, Instagram and website. Dale Dugas is in charge of this. The latest post was Feb. 23. The board agreed Dale Dugas needs help with this. Some of the newer members will be asked if they can help. If the club cannot provide the exposure promised, it shouldn't be included in the perks of sponsorship.

Mothers' Day Garden Party The party will be held at Cynthia Clayton's Gold Heart Ranch Saturday, May 7 from 10-4. Tickets cost \$25 until May 1 and \$30 at the gate. Children 12 years and under cost \$10.

Vendors have been invited to set up booths. Texas Star Winery will serve wine. Food booths will be available. Citizens on Patrol will be direct traffic. Music will be provided.

Loyce prepared a schedule of all the events and who is responsible. The schedule is attached to the original minutes, along with a rough budget. There was discussion about all the items on Loyce's list.

Loyce asked Texas Brigade to send volunteers to hand out water at the party. Even though the club has budgeted \$2,000 to be given to Texas Brigade in 2022, the organization is reluctant to help at the garden party. Loyce will talk to them again and if they are unwilling, the donation will be reconsidered.

Member volunteers are needed to docent and to man booths selling worm castings, roses, lemonade and popcorn. Carol sent an email to all members, asking them to contact Bennie about times to docent. Bennie has only heard from ten volunteers. Bennie will coordinate her list with a list Loyce made after calling some members. Bennie will have a schedule of docents at the April meeting.

Bennie suggested board members spend the entire day helping at Gold Heart Ranch.

Brazos Valley Brewery may have a booth selling beer. Lynda will check on liability insurance.

Ice chests and ice are needed for the party. Bluebonnet Electric will donate water.

Shirley created a vendor application. After discussion, Karen will update the form, which is attached to the original minutes.

Raffle tickets will cost \$5 each or five for \$20. Raffle prizes will be displayed at Halo.

Dale Ramey passed out rack cards about the garden party. She also showed the tickets.

There was discussion about the need for members to sell tickets. They are not required to buy tickets but are strongly encouraged to sell tickets. Bennie will hand out four tickets to all members at the April meeting. Members not attending the meeting will be asked in an email to pick up their tickets at The Bluebonnet House. Tickets will be sold at the gate.

Bennie moved to adjourn; Loyce seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary