

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

January 31, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened in prayer by Bennie Yates at 2:18. Present were Carol Madeley, Dale Ramey, Karen Kubeczka, Shirley Rigamonti, Lynda Harrison, Bennie Yates, Debi Faver and Loyce Jardell.

Quorum was established.

Shirley moved that the December 20, 2021 budget and board minutes be approved. Loyce seconded the motion, which passed.

Membership Ten members have not paid 2022 dues and have not indicated to a board member they want to continue their membership. Board members will call the ten to remind them to pay dues by the Feb. meeting.

Shirley will call Jana Lefebvre, Cheryl Robinson and Nikki Rooney.

Dale Ramey will call Dena Bradshaw.

Carol will call Judy Furnish.

Bennie will call Sally Gaines, Debbie Roberts and Sandy Smith.

Karen will call Bob Markos and Antionette Simon.

Four new members have joined: Gail Braun, Vicki Henson, Scott Hillman and Woodrow Taylor.

Christmas Lights for Chappell Hill The club currently spends \$1,500 each year on Christmas lights in Chappell Hill. Loyce talked to Joel Romo of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce about helping with the expense. Loyce reported that Joel agreed to ask his board to donate some money.

Texana Outdoor Services puts up, takes down and stores the lights. Each year, many lights need to be replaced or repaired.

Dale Ramey suggested that the club donate \$500; the Chamber, \$500; and fifteen businesses on Main Street, \$100 each for a total of \$2,500. The garden club will collect and manage the money. Loyce will talk to Joel about this proposal.

Nametags After the home tour, many members forgot to return their nametags. Carol will email members to remind them to bring their nametags to the February meeting.

Main Street Cleanup The next cleanup will be Feb. 2, unless it's raining.

Committee Registration Bennie is working on putting members on committees for 2022. Members who do not indicate their committee choice on their membership application will be assigned to a committee.

There was discussion about expanding the role of the correspondence committee as several members will be added to it. Bennie will review this with Kim Pope.

Scholarship Lynda presented an updated scholarship application. After discussion, a few changes will be made. The final application is attached to the original minutes.

Karen receives requests for scholarships on the website. She has been responding to applicants. In the future, her only involvement will be forwarding the information to the scholarship committee, Sally English, Tommie Montgomery and Libby Beckenbaugh, and Lynda Harrison and Dale Ramey. Bennie will talk to Sally English to confirm she agrees with this arrangement.

Programs Washington County EMS presented an excellent program at the January meeting. Cathy McNurlen volunteered to be in charge of coordinating volunteers for EMS as needed.

Mike Shoup of Antique Rose Emporium will speak in February about pruning roses. Following the program, there will be the annual meeting and the general meeting.

Cindy Blount will host the plant exchange in May. If it rains, the exchange will be at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church. Loyce will pass around a

list in March for members to sign up to bring sides to the lunch. The club will provide fried chicken.

Community Events Dale Ramey reported that the community meeting with TxDOT on January 27 was well attended and very informative. A final decision has not been made, but it appears the overpass will probably be the option chosen.

Refreshments Loyce has completed the 2022 refreshment list. She had to shuffle some of the names so she will share the final list with members at the February meeting. Loyce will confirm with the members signed up for the April meeting that they will bring sack lunches to the field trip to Antique Rose Emporium.

Garden Tour Cynthia Clayton's Gold Heart Ranch will be on the garden tour Saturday, May 7. Texas Star Winery will serve wine during the tour at Gold Heart Ranch. Citizens on Patrol will be needed to direct traffic there. Dale Ramey will work on adding gardens after the weather warms up.

Home Tour Dale Ramey is working on homes for the 2022 tour.

Dale Ramey set a goal of an Oct. 1 deadline for submitting the brochure for printing.

Carol will write a draft of a letter thanking 2021 sponsors and asking them to support the 2022 home tour. The letter will list the things the garden club does for the community, including scholarships, flags, Main Street beatification and the memory garden. Dale Dugas will give Carol a copy of the letter she wrote in 2019 with all the addresses. After Dale Ramey approves, Carol will mail the letters. Debi Faver volunteered to help.

Carol will draft a letter to 2021 sponsors to be sent prior to the Texas Brigade presentation at the August meeting. After Dale Ramey approves, Carol will mail the letters in July.

Dale Ramey suggested purchasing banners listing sponsors to be put along Main Street in Chappell Hill during the home tour.

Scrapbook Dale Ramey brought a copy of the beautiful home tour scrapbook Mandy Forbes created for homeowners.

Donation to the Masonic Lodge Dale Ramey, Bennie and any board members who would like to attend, will present a \$500 donation to the Masonic Lodge at their Feb. 9 meeting.

Prayer Garden The club has agreed to maintain the beds at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church's Prayer Garden. Jenn Mcloughlin prepared a plan, which is lovely but very ambitious and time consuming. Debi Faver will meet with Jenn to modify the plan. The church has a \$2,500 budget for the beds.

Treasurer's Report Lynda asked if Dale Dugas has been spotlighting 2021 sponsors on Facebook and Instagram as promised in the sponsorship agreement. There have been no posts in December or January. Dale Ramey called Dale Dugas on speaker phone and asked if she intended to spotlight sponsors. Dale Dugas agreed to post sponsor spotlights.

Lynda presented the 2021 actuals and the 2022 budget. After discussion, Lynda will update the budget and send to the board for final approval. The budget will be presented to the members for approval at the February meeting. Carol will attach the budget to the email about the February meeting. The final proposed budget is attached to the original minutes.

Bennie moved to adjourn; Lynda seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary