

## Chappell Hill Garden Club

July 13, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened In prayer by Sandy Smith at 10:10. Woody Taylor led the pledge of allegiance. Present were 35 members, and 3 guests, Kay Clerc, Karen Wheeler and Kathryn van der Pol. Kathryn joined the club.

Quorum was established.

Refreshments were provided by Twyla Kingsley, Sally Mitchell, Tom Yates, Darlene Wyatt, Libby Beckenbaugh and Woody Taylor.

Jodi Rodriguez introduced Debbie Espinosa and Hazel Lampton, Galveston County Master Gardeners. They gave a presentation on grafting.

Debbie and Hazel are willing to come back next year to do a hands on workshop on grafting. Members were enthusiastic about their offer.

**Membership** Shirley Rigamonti announced the happy news that Nikki Rooney had her baby, Nolan Mack, on July 5. The club will give the Rooneys a gift.

**Social Secretary** Kim Pope and her committee are sending many thank you notes to everyone who helped with the Garden Party.

**Treasurer's Report** Lynda Harrison presented financial reports, which are attached to the original minutes. Lynda explained the 2022 approved budget, actuals as of 6/30/22 and the proposed updated budget for membership approval.

Through June 2022, total income was \$14,527, expenses were \$8,896, resulting in a net income of \$5,631.

Lynda detailed the proposed changes to the budget. She made the following four part motion. One, in appreciation for members, the club will pay for the entire Christmas party, which would reduce budgeted income by \$1,500. Two, the cost of providing Christmas lights on Main Street will be reduced from \$1,500 to \$500 because the Chamber of Commerce will donate \$500 and shops on Main Street will donate an additional \$500. Three, in light of the large number of applications in 2022, scholarships will be increased \$2,000 to \$14,000. Four, because members will no longer pay for the Christmas party, the cost of the party will increase from \$3,000 to \$4,500. The updated budget would result in a net loss of \$9,540. Lynda reported that the club has enough cash to cover the loss and the Home Tour will increase income. Diane Wann seconded the motion, which passed.

Anyone who has already paid for the Christmas party will have that money moved into their ticket sales for the home tour.

Lynda reminded members that it's time to start thinking about the 2023 budget. If anyone has any suggestions, they should write a note and put it in the suggestion box or text or email Lynda. Members are encouraged to give their ideas and comments. The board will read the comments at the board meeting, then share them with the club.

Anyone spending money on behalf of the club should give Lynda receipts **in three days**. This is particularly important for credit card charges. The club has two credit cards. Lynda has one and the other is at the Bluebonnet House, available for members to check out for club business.

A recent charge of \$161.14 could not be verified after more than a month. Lynda contacted Michael's who agreed the charge seemed fraudulent. Lynda cancelled the credit card and was prepared to make a police report. However, a member did turn in a legitimate receipt at the meeting.

Procedures for using the credit card have been changed. The card must be logged out by the member using it and when returned, all receipts turned in or Lynda contacted by text or email about the receipts.

**Fourth of July Parade** Debi Faver, Cathy McNurlen, Diane Wann and Dixie Ford's committee took second place and the \$175 prize in the parade. Debi thanked the 15 dependable people who created the float and participated in the parade. She especially thanked Diane Wann who provided her garage to work on the float and the trailer it was on, and Frank Hunt, Fran's husband, who helped with take down.

**Watering on Main Street** Debi Faver passed around a sign-up sheet for watering on Main Street in August, September and October.

**Main Street Cleanup** Debi Faver thanked those who helped with the July 6 cleanup. Only a few people showed up to help. Debi reminded members with assigned zones that they need to let Debi know if they are not going to be there. The next Cleanup will be on Wednesday, August 3.

**Scholarships** The club will give \$14,000 in scholarships.

**Garden Party** The May 7 Spring Garden Party netted over \$7,300. Dale Ramey thanked everyone who helped with the party, especially Shirley Rigamonti and Loyce Jardell.

Bennie Yates presented a donation of \$100 to Citizens of Patrol for helping with traffic and security at the event.

The club is considering a donation to the Tomball High School Garden Club in appreciation to Cynthia Clayton for hosting the garden party.

**Christmas Party** In appreciation for members' hard work during the year, the club will pay the full cost of the Christmas Party, which will be on Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 10 to 3. Paula Barrett passed around cards for members to vote on the main entrée.

The deadline to RSVP the party is October 1.

**Home Tour** Six homes have committed to the 2022 home tour, three on Main Street, Chappell Hill, one in Woodland Farms and two in Doe Run. Dale Ramey and Dale Dugas have begun work on sponsorships.

Home tour tickets will be available at the August meeting.

There was discussion about the contest that has been displayed at the home tour. In the past, members were divided into teams to work on projects such as table settings, Christmas trees and flower pot people. Because some members complained that the contest was too much work during a busy time of the year, the club voted on whether to have the contest in 2022. Cathy McNurlen said that the contest is a good way for members to get to know each other. The club voted to have the contest in 2022. Twyla Kingsley agreed to head the committee.

Loyce Jardell is working on catering for the pre-tour cocktail party for docents and sponsors. The party will be held at Mandy Forbes house.

**Fifteenth Anniversary** The club will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary in 2023. Dale Ramey asked members to suggest ideas of how to celebrate.

**Programs** Shirley Rigamonti reported that the Texas Brigade cadets will be at the August 10 meeting. Johnny Kopycinski of Chappell Hill Bakery and Deli will be invited to the meeting because his donation to the club was designated for Texas Brigade.

In September, someone from John Fairy Gardens will discuss attractive, ornamental, drought tolerant plants.

Sandy Smith will be the program chair in 2023.

**Washington County EMS Volunteers** Cathy McNurlen has a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to help EMS in case of a disaster. Possible jobs include manning phones or working at an animal rescue center or at a port of distribution for emergency supplies. Anyone, not just garden club

members, can volunteer. In the case of a disaster, Cathy will contact the people on her list.

**Community Event** An eight week Biblical Citizenship class is being offered, starting Thursday, August 25 at the Texas Heritage Event Center, 15474 FM 1155 E. The cost is \$25 and includes a book. The Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution will be discussed in depth. A sign-up sheet is available at The Bluebonnet House.

Carol Madeley will send an email to all members about the class.

Angela Rutland moved to adjourn; Debi Faver seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:08.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley