

Chappell Hill Garden Club

February 9, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened at 11:15. Lynda Harrison presided in the absence of President Dale Ramey. Present were 41 members, including five new members, Gail Braun, Maclyn and Douglas Jones, Fran Hunt and Joye LaBruyere. Two other members joined, Scott Hillman and Woody Taylor, but were not at the meeting,

Quorum was established.

Prior to the meeting, Mike Shoup from Antique Rose Emporium, gave the program. Mike brought three door prizes. The lucky winners were new members, Fran Hunt, Douglas Jones and Gail Braun.

Refreshments were provided by Mary Armato, Debra Salcedo, Cindy Blount and Kim Pope.

A motion to approve the Jan. 12, 2022 minutes was made by Sandy Smith and seconded by Margie Ogrodowicz. The minutes were approved.

Budget Review and Approval Lynda Harrison presented the 2022 proposed budget, highlighting important information. The budget for Scholarships is \$12,000, an increase of \$3,500 over 2021 actuals. A new line item is community outreach, budgeted at \$4,000 for Washington County EMS, the Masonic Lodge and Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department.

Expenses increase in 2022 due to inflation.

The budget results in a loss of \$3,165. Lynda explained that the club has excess cash that needs to be drawn down.

The club is a 501(c)(3) organization, which is exempt from federal taxes. To maintain the tax status, the club has certain obligations, including the beautification of Chappell Hill, education and community outreach.

Discussion followed. Questions were raised about the need for increasing the dues, where the money goes and who decides that, the increase in requirements for membership, lack of communication from the board and the shortage of fun. Members were encouraged to talk to board members or come to board meetings to voice their concerns and present their ideas.

Sally English, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, encouraged members to join the scholarship committee if they want to participate in the decisions. Nikki Rooney volunteered to be on the committee.

Tom Yates moved that the 2022 budget be approved; Bob Markos seconded and the budget was approved.

Main Street Cleanup Debi Faver reported that Main Street Cleanup was very successful on Feb. 2. Debi divided Main Street Cleanup into zones, with committee members assigned to each zone. Debi passed around a sign-up sheet for watering on Main Street.

Debi recommended a gardening tool: a Japanese weeding sickle, which is available on Amazon.

Refreshments Loyce Jardell passed around a sign-up sheet for sides to bring to the Plant Swap in May. The club will provide fried chicken.

Washington County EMS Volunteers Cathy McNurlen is in charge of coordinating volunteers for the Washington County EMS as needed. Cathy met with EMS, who said they could use volunteers during disasters. Help may be needed in the call center and the animal unit. After the meeting in March, representatives from EMS will meet with those interested in volunteering.

Programs Shirley Rigamonti presented the 2022 program schedule. In March, Trees of Central Texas will present a program. In April, there will be a field trip to Antique Rose Emporium. The Plant Swap and Potluck will be in May. A field trip is planned in June to John Fairy Gardens in Hempstead. The July program is open. In August, Texas Brigade will present the program. In September, the program will be on attractive ornamental drought tolerant plants. In October, there will be a field trip to Bee Weavers in Navasota. The November meeting will be a business meeting. The Christmas party is in December.

John Fairy Garden Budding Out Plant Sale and Festival will be on Saturday, March 19 from 10-4.

Christmas Party Paula Barrett reported that the Christmas party is always one of the most fun events of the year. There will be a catered lunch and a white elephant gift exchange.

Debi Faver moved to adjourn; Loyce Jardell seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley