Chappell Hill Garden Club

April 13, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer by Jere Hill at 10:00. Debi Faver led the pledge of allegiance. Present were 39 members.

Quorum was established.

Dale Ramey welcomed our newest members, Glennis Tolunay and Sonjia Biddle. Diane Wann was welcomed back.

Refreshments were provided by Jere Hill, Pam Waldren, Virginia Maliowski, Joye LaBruyere and Vickie Henson.

A motion to approve the March 9, 2022 minutes was made by Dale Dugas and seconded by Helon Loep. The minutes were approved.

Garden Tour Loyce Jardell reported on the garden tour May 7 at Gold Heart Ranch from 10-4. The beautiful gardens will be available to tour and Halo House will be open. There will be food, wine tasting, educational materials, retail vendors, fabulous raffle items and music. Tickets cost $25 until May 1 and then they will cost $30. Children's tickets cost $10.

Flyers and posters were available for members to take and distribute. Members volunteered to post flyers in Bellville, Hempstead, Brenham, Carmine, Navasota and Round Top.

Golf carts and ice chests are needed. Dale Dugas volunteered to bring two ice chests and Vickie Henson will bring one ice chest. If anyone else can bring a golf cart or an ice chest, please contact Dale Ramey or Loyce Jardell.

Diamond Chauffeured Transportation donated $500 to sponsor the garden tour.

Porta potties and chairs will be rented.
Citizens on Patrol will have a car with flashing lights parked at the entrance on 290, and they will direct traffic as cars drive in.

Bennie Yates passed around a schedule for docents, who get in free. At least ten people are needed for each time slot: 9:30-noon, noon-2:30 and 2:30-4:30. Help is needed for cleanup at the end. Volunteers are needed to pass out water, sell worm castings, roses, popcorn and lemonade, and work at Halo House, selling raffle tickets. Docents should wear nametags and garden club aprons. They should check in with Bennie Yates when they arrive.

Tom Yates and Bob Markos will help with parking from 9:30-noon and Dale Dugas and Cathy McNurlen will help from noon-2:30.

Bennie gave five tickets to each member to sell. Members are not required to buy tickets but are encouraged to sell them. Tickets may be purchased on the website. More tickets are available at The Bluebonnet House.

Members are encouraged to share information about the garden tour on social media.

Carol Madeley will email directions and the address to members before the garden tour.

Christmas Lights on Main Street The club previously spent $1,500 each year on a company that stores, sets up and takes down Christmas lights in Chappell Hill. The club would like to share that expense with others.

Carol Salah will ask the merchants on Main Street to donate $100 each, which will raise about $1,000. The club will donate $500 and the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce will donate $500.

Washington County EMS Volunteers Cathy McNurlen is in charge of coordinating volunteers for the Washington County EMS as needed.

Programs The Plant Swap and Potluck will be May 11 at Cindy Blount's house. Members should bring a side dish, a plant they'd like to take home for the exchange and a lawn chair. The club will provide fried chicken. There is limited parking at Cindy's house, so members are encouraged to carpool from the church or to park on the street. A few parking places will be reserved for those who have difficulty walking.

If anyone can bring tables, please contact Loyce Jardell.

In case of rain, the swap will be held at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church.

After the meeting today, everyone is invited to go to The Antique Rose Emporium, weather permitting.

A field trip is planned in June to The John Fairey Garden in Hempstead.

Shirley Rigamonti brought slides from her Tulip River Cruise to the Netherlands. During lunch, everyone was invited to see the pictures.

Main Street Cleanup Debi Faver thanked everyone who worked at the April 6 cleanup. All the beds on Main Street and at the church looked beautiful for the festival. The next cleanup will be May 4, when we will be maintaining and doing a little planting. Everyone is welcome to help.

Please see Debi Faver is you would like to help with watering on Main Street. The schedule is on the website.

Debi Faver made a motion for the club to participate in the Chappell Hill Fourth of July Parade. Bennie Yates seconded the motion, which passed. Debi will have more information at the May meeting.

Scholarships Sally English reported the committee has received five applications.

Home Tour Dale Ramey reported there are several homes interested in being on the home tour. Mandy Forbes has volunteered her home for the tour.

Community Outreach Dale Ramey presented a $500 check to the Masons.

Dale Ramey gave a presentation on her favorite spring plants. She encouraged others to give short presentations at future meetings.

Loyce Jardell moved to adjourn; Antoinette Simon seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley