

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

May 2, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:03. Present were Carol Madeley, Dale Ramey, Karen Kubeczka, Bennie Yates, Debi Faver, Loyce Jardell and Shirley Rigamonti. Lynda Harrison joined by phone.

Quorum was established.

Karen moved that the March 28, 2022 board minutes be approved. Shirley seconded the motion, which passed.

Treasurer's Report Dale Ramey reported that Lana McDaniels and Shannon Webb donated \$2,687 to the club from beer sales at the Bluebonnet Festival. In light of this generous donation, Dale said the club will not apply for Hot Grant money this year. There isn't time to do all the paperwork before the deadline and the club doesn't need the funds now. Next year, the club will apply for the funds.

Dale Ramey suggested the club do something special for the members to show appreciation. Suggestions included paying for the Christmas party lunch or taking a bus to the Dallas Arboretum in the fall for the pumpkin display. Debi Faver will research the cost of a charter bus to Dallas and hotel rooms.

The club's fifteenth anniversary will be in 2023. That would be a good time for a big celebration. Board members were asked to think about ideas for celebrating in 2022 and 2023.

Mothers' Day Garden Party Loyce reviewed the plans for the garden party.

Board members are asked to come to Gold Heart Ranch at 4 pm on Friday, May 6 to set up tables, blow up balloons and do whatever else needs to be done.

Loyce needs help putting up the banners along Hwy 290 and lettering the signs on corrugated plastic boards.

Board members are asked to be at Gold Heart Ranch at 8 am Saturday, May 7 to set up and stay all day to work.

Dale Ramey will pick up ice cream from Blue Bell and dry ice from HEB.

Ice chests will be filled with ice from Carol's Ice House Saturday morning and delivered to Gold Heart Ranch.

The Garden Club table will hand out free ice cream, books from The Antique Rose Emporium, Texas Gardener magazines and other literature. Save the date flyers about the home tour will be given out. Dale Ramey will arrange to have the flyers printed or board members will be asked to print several copies each.

Chairs will be delivered Saturday morning. Porta Potties will be delivered Friday afternoon. Tom Yates and Gary Pullins will deliver tables from Diane Wann and Dale Ramey on Friday. After the event on Saturday, the tables will be taken directly to Cindy Blount's for the plant exchange.

Golf carts will be available to drive people who have difficulty walking from the parking lot to the gardens. Additional carts are needed. Carol will email members asking for more golf carts.

Board members are asked to bring dollies and phone chargers.

Mark and Bart Madeley will play music from 12:30-2:30.

Citizens on Patrol will provide two officers from 9:30 to noon and from noon to 2:30. One will direct traffic inside the gate and the other will circulate around the booths.

Mandy Forbes' children and possibly some Boy Scouts will pass out free water provided by Bluebonnet Electric Coop.

Roses from Antique Rose Emporium will sell for \$20. If all the inventory is sold, people may order roses for \$20 if they pay a deposit of \$10. Ordered roses will be picked up at The Bluebonnet House in a few weeks.

Worm castings will be sold and if necessary, orders can be taken.

Joel Romo will provide three pop up tents. The garden club will buy an additional tent.

Cynthia Clayton will provide the popcorn.

Raffle items include a tree with planting from Trees of Central Texas (\$350 value), a weekend at Sunshine Cottage in Chappell Hill, a weekend at Lillian Farms, a bird bath from The Bluebonnet House, and a gift basket from Brianna's. Debi will make signs for the raffle items. Bennie asked for crystal bowls to put the tickets in. Raffle tickets will cost \$5 each or five for \$20. Raffle prizes will be displayed at Halo. The drawing will be at 3:30.

Docents need to check in early to get their nametag and apron. Karen and Loyce have written detailed instructions on using Square for payments. The club has five Squares. Loyce will email the instructions to those who will be using the Squares. Karen will be available to answer questions.

Bennie distributed a list of docents and their assignments. The list is attached to the original minutes.

Lynda and Dale Ramey will bring cash boxes or bags and Lynda will bring change.

The Brenham Banner-Press took some pictures at Gold Heart Ranch and will print an article in the newspaper.

The wine tasting by Texas Star Winery will be self-contained and the club will not provide change or help with their booth.

Programs The May 11 meeting will be the plant exchange and pot luck at Cindy Blount's house. Lynda will pick up the fried chicken at 9 am. Members should bring a lawn chair, their side dish and a plant for the exchange.

Shirley and Jodi Rodriguez are going to preview John Fairy Gardens soon. Shirley will ask members at the plant swap to indicate if they will be going to the garden in June.

Main Street Cleanup The next cleanup will be on Wednesday, May 4 at 9 am. Bluebonnets will be taken out and saved for seeds. Flowers will be planted.

Debi reported that members are watering on Main Street. The hoses are beginning to get worn and may need to be replaced soon.

Debi will ask members about ideas for the Fourth of July Parade entry at the plant swap.

Scholarships Dale Ramey reported about six to eight applications for scholarships have been received.

Sponsor Exposure of Facebook The only recent posts on Facebook for sponsors was Brianna's and Trees of Central Texas. Dale Dugas needs help with this. There was discussion about the need to get new members involved early. There are many opportunities for new members, including Facebook, publicity and sponsorships.

Home Tour Dale Ramey wants all the printing and planning for the home tour to be completed by Oct. 1.

Lynda moved to adjourn; Shirley seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary