Chappell Hill Garden Club Board Meeting

November 4, 2024

President Dixie Ford call the meeting to order at 10 AM at the Chappell Hill Methodist Church (special time at the request of the President). Present were Kay Hanson-Clerc, Dale Ramey, Debi Faver, Bennnie Yates, Karen Kubeczka, Dixie Ford and Janis Boulware. Quorum (min 4) was established. The board minutes from September 30 (October) were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kay reported Total Income of $4575.92 for October and Total Expenses of $1863.31 for the same period. Seed sales during the Scarecrow Festival totaled $520 which is included as miscellaneous revenue. Kay reminded the board that the club debit card is to be used for smaller amounts for goods and services, and not for paying food providers or caterers. She is required to get complete payment information to issue contractors a 1099 form.

Officer Elections: Dixie reminded the board that the election for the board and officers will take place at the November 13 meeting.

Christmas Home Tour: Dale has received more sponsorship checks. She will hand out fliers for volunteers to take to Katy, Navasota, Brenham, Chappell Hill, and Bryan. Janis emailed the flier to over 30 area garden clubs with a request that it be shared with their club. Members are requested to like and share the flier on Facebook. Dale will pay someone to put up the banner and signs in Chappell Hill. Bennie reported the docent assignments are complete, and she will distribute them at the November meeting. She will get the shoe booties from storage and prepare them for the various properties. Dale reported that Pam assures her the cocktail party is all taken care of within the $1500 budget. December 2-3 is set aside to decorate the Shaver-Parker house downtown.

Christmas Party: Debi reported the food and entertainment are all set. There will be a catered charcuterie board, food from Brossa's and "Jingle Juice." Members are asked to bring raffle items to the next meeting for the chance drawing, and a gift to swap and donation for the Pregnancy Center to the party. Janis will include these announcements in the next email. The Little Tyke houses, decorated by Sonjia, will be on display in the Masonic Lodge due to Hwy 290 construction. The question of the board decorating a tree for the auction was raised and it was agreed the board would offer to decorate a tree.

Main St.: At the next Main St. gathering on November 6, Debi suggested the group take the rocks out in front of The Brazos Star.

Other Committee Updates & Comments:

-Membership – Bennie reported 3 new members recently. If someone joins in October, they will pay $30 for October-December, but not the $100 for the Home Tour tickets. In January 2025, they will be responsible for the $30 and $100.

-Scholarship – Dixie said Shirley would like to use Google Docs for scholarship record-keeping among her committee.

-Community Outreach – Dixie told her tale of trying to contact the pastor of First Christian to give the club's $1000 donation, and finally giving up on phone tag and attending the church on a Sunday. He and the church were very appreciative, and her mission was accomplished except for getting a photo!

-The need for a better/new microphone for meetings was raised. It was suggested that this item be put in the 2025 budget.

-Bennie shared that landscaping advice was being requested for the area around the log cabin. The planners are requesting suggestions of plants, which Dale can provide, but the club is not offering to do the planting.

- A Program suggestion for next year is John Ferguson from Nature's Way.

Lunch will be provided by Katherine & Gary Pullins, Janis Boulware, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Bennie Yates, and Carol Madeley.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware