Chappell Hill Garden Club General Meeting

August 14, 2024

President Dixie Ford called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall of Chappell Hill Methodist Church. She welcomed all, then gave a prayer, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. A quorum was established with 37 members present and no guests.

Dixie thanked the Refreshment Committee for the delicious looking lunch provided by Janice Williams, Jean Mason, Sharon Miller, Jere Hill, and Paula Barrett.

As part of the Refreshment Committee, Paula explained to members that August 14 is the National Spirit of ’45 Day that honors the men and women of World War II, known as the "Greatest Generation". The committee provided a packet of poppy seeds for each member to plant in remembrance of this day.

Lexa introduced Texas Brigades members in attendance for the program: Ayn Perez, CJ Lavelle, Addyson Cano, and Mylee Cano. Each member explained their participation in the summer camp(s) and what they learned from attending. Celeste Dickshat, from Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District, attended as she volunteers with the cadets and coordinated getting the students out of class for the program! Dixie thanked the cadets for attending and offered them cupcakes before their return to school.

Bennie asked members to see her if they needed a nametag and reminded everyone to look in their car or at home if they cannot find their current one.

Minutes: Bennie made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10 general meeting. Kathy seconded and all were in favor.

Treasurer’s Report: Kay reported the club has $15,576 in Cash and two CDs for Total Assets of $48,121.49. Total Income for the month of July was $505 ($400 Tour ticket sales; $105 CD interest) and Total Expenses of $850.35 ($193 Fundraiser, $282 July 4 Parade; $100 Program committee, $121 Storage). Kay emphasized that the club is in good condition going forward.

Committee Reports:

- Dale reported six locations will be on the Home Tour on December 14 and the tickets and flyers will be available at the September meeting. She asked that members who volunteer to distribute flyers should take a roll of tape with them and put the flyer up so that it does not get left on a counter or thrown away. Sonjia suggested that the flyer should include how the club uses the funds raised.
- Twyla said the contest/auction at the Masonic Lodge will be Christmas trees, and the trees will be for sale with the decorations.

- Dixie announced the board had decided to buy lunch in appreciation of the hard-working staff of the Chappell Hill Post Office staff as a Community Outreach project. The lunch tickets are being sold in honor of the anniversary celebration on September 1 of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and are $15 each.
- Main Street Clean Up will be on September 4 for cutting back and weeding. Debi requested more people to sign up to water.
- The Christmas Party will be held Wednesday, December 18 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Cost is $15/person at Texas Heritage Event Center. Members will be notified about what to bring for the gift exchange and donation to a children's cause.
- Kathryn reminded members to bring seeds, preferably in a paper bag or envelope, with the name of the plant and best time of year to plant.
- Dixie announced Bennie was leaving her position as VP and new/additional board members are needed to step forward.

The 5 Minute Tip: Fran Hunt described how she moved to the area 3 years ago and found she was spending hundreds of dollars on beautiful porch plants only to have them be eaten by deer! Her tip is to put artificial plants in those areas prone to porch grazing. She then went on to describe healthy plants to have inside the house such as philodendron, snake plants, rubber plants, spider/airplane plants, and succulents.

Dixie announced the next regular meeting will be September 11 with a program on Container Gardening presented by Heather Hendricks, owner of Monarch Garden Company. Refreshments will be provided by Mary Humphries, Dale Ramey, Darlene Wyatt, Margie O., and Bonnie Wills.

Dale R. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kay, and all were in favor.

Lunch followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware