Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

August 1, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:07. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Debi Faver, Shirley Rigamonti, Loyce Jardell and Carol Madeley.

Quorum was established.

Carol moved that the July 5 board minutes be approved. Bennie seconded the motion, which passed.

Suggestion Box Paula Barrett texted the following suggestion for the box. The Festival Hill Herbal Forum March 17-18, 2023 would be a good idea for a field trip. The suggestion box will be available at the August meeting.

Scholarships A meeting of the scholarship committee, Bob Markos, Sally English, Nikki Rooney, Libby Beckenbaugh, Tommie Montgomery and Dale Ramey, will be held Wednesday, August 17. The committee will establish a set of guidelines for choosing recipients and reporting recommendations to the board. Communication problems within the committee this year need to be addressed.

Loyce found a link to a scholarship selection committee handbook for reference:

sdfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-Scholarship-Selection-Report.pdf

Watering on Main Street Debi passed out the August-October watering schedule, which is attached to the original minutes. The watering timer at the Post Office blew out and must be fixed. This has happened several times. There was discussion about a solution, including building a cage around the timer with a lock or changing to a drip system. Debi will research options.

Elections There was discussion about the election process. Forming a nominating committee in 2023 was suggested. At the August meeting, Dale

Ramey will encourage members to volunteer to be on the board. If interested, they should contact a member of the board or indicate their interest in the suggestion box.

Christmas Party Paula Barrett is working on the food for the party. The deadline to RSVP the party is October 1. Carol will bring a list of members to the meeting so Paula can pass it around for RSVPs.

Home Tour Six homes are on the 2022 Home Tour. The Shaver-Parker house, Permelia Hayne house, and the Wallis Evans house are in Chappell Hill; the Cardinal House is in Woodland Farms; and Bluebird Hill and Rockin' h Ranch are in Doe Run.

Tickets will be available at the August meeting. Carol will bring a sheet with members' names to the meeting for Bennie to record ticket purchases. Previous payments will be noted.

Dale Ramey and Dale Dugas are working on sponsorships and have collected roughly $3,000 so far. Dale Ramey suggested the board visit Chapelton Vineyards, a potential sponsor, and present a sponsorship package. The board will meet at the vineyard on Friday, August 12 at 4 pm. Carol will work on the sponsorship package.

Twyla Kingsley and her committee have decided on a yard art contest to be displayed at the home tour. The entries will be auctioned off. At the August meeting, Twyla will pass around a sign-up sheet for those interested in being in the contest. Members will not be required to participate.

The cocktail party after the pre-tour will be held at Mandy Forbes' home. Loyce discussed the tentative menu she is working on with Connie Wilder. Loyce suggested increasing the $2,000 budget by $1,000. Loyce will ask for volunteers at the August meeting for set up and clean up.

Dale Ramey will ask Mandy Forbes if she will be willing to create the home tour scrapbook again this year.

Beer Sales Dale Ramey requested that donations from Lana McDaniels and Shannon Webb from beer sales at the Bluebonnet and Scarecrow Festivals be included in Home Tour Sponsorships. Dale Ramey will talk to Lynda about this.

Membership Dale Ramey will deliver a gift from the club for Nikki Rooney's baby.

Contribution to Tomball High School Garden Club Cynthia Clayton of Gold Heart Ranch requested the club make a donation from the proceeds of the Garden Party to the Tomball High School Garden Club. Bennie moved that the club donate $2,000 and Debi seconded the motion, which passed. Dale Ramey will get proof of 501(c)(3) status of the club.

Contribution to Washington County EMS Dale Ramey will schedule a time to present the $3,000 check for Washington County EMS at Washington County Commissioners Court.

Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration A committee will be formed for the fifteenth anniversary celebration. Debi and Loyce volunteered to be on the committee. Debi will ask Cathy McNurlen to chair the committee.

Suggestions for the celebration included having it at Gold Heart Ranch or Chapelton Vineyards and having the celebration in May in lieu of the plant swap.

Programs Celeste Dickschat and the Texas Brigades cadets will give presentations at the August meeting. Dan Parker and Johnny Kopycinski of Chappell Hill Bakery and Deli, 2021 sponsors of the home tour, were invited to attend the meeting.

Bennie will have a raffle at the meeting. Carol will remind members to bring money for the raffle in the meeting email.

Sandy Smith has agreed to take over as Program Chairman for 2023.

Debi has arranged for Delena Norris-Tull, a professor, to give a presentation on edible and useful plants June 14, 2023. The club will provide accommodations at Lillian Farms for Delena.

Debi also suggested other ideas for programs in 2023: a field trip to Zilker Garden in Austin and a speaker, Thomas Spencer from Texas Central Gardener in Austin.

Main Street Cleanup The next Main Street Cleanup will be on Wednesday, August 24 at 8 am.

Refreshments Loyce reported that Virginia Malinowski will be the 2023 chair.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Bennie moved to adjourn; Carol seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley