

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

July 5, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:02. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Lynda Harrison, Karen Kubeczka, Debi Faver and Shirley Rigamonti.

Quorum was established.

Bennie moved that the May 31 board minutes be approved. Debi seconded the motion, which passed.

Dale met with Kim Pope on June 15 to go over the list of organizations and individuals in which thank you notes were to be sent.

The suggestion box will be available at the next meeting, July 13.

Scholarships Two categories of applicants were discussed. Four applicants for \$1,500 are: Allison Meisner, Alicia Bradford, Sydney Klier and Katie Murski. Eight applicants for \$1,000 are: Riley English, Cassidy Fuchs, Alexa English, Dylan Erwin, Kaylee Klier, Ivan Cardonias, Kay Mikorlajchak and Kinnly Mikorlajchak. These scholarship amounts will total \$14,000.

Some of the applicants' information is missing (student number, school address and deadline to receive funds). Dale will call Sally and ask her to contact applicants or get telephone numbers and split the list with her.

Shirley made a motion to accept the 12 applicants and Bennie seconded, which passed.

In the future, the scholarship committee will come to the June board meeting to present applicants' information so the board can vote. It is recommended to reconstruct the scholarship committee by January 2023.

Donations Bennie delivered the \$100 check to Citizens on Patrol for their help at the Garden Tour.

Christmas Party Paula will finalize details and Angela will report at the next meeting and ask about entrée choices. Dale will contact Paula and inform her the budget is \$4,500.

Karen moved that the Christmas Party RSVP deadline be October 1. Debi seconded the motion, which passed.

Cocktail Party The party will be held at Mandy's home. Lynda reported \$2,000 is in the budget for the party. Dale estimated approximately 80 members/guests will attend the party. Loyce is still checking on caterers. Shirley suggested Bevers and Lone Star Southern Grill should be contacted as possible caterers.

Home Tour Five homes are secured for the 2022 Home Tour. The suggested tour order is Doe Run (2 homes), Woodland Farms, home by Bevers and end with Mandy's home for the cocktail party. Cathy Parker may request some help to decorate her home.

Dale will start working on sponsorships. Several new businesses were mentioned including the Chappell Hill Luxury RV Resort and Chapelton Vineyards. Dale suggested the board visit the vineyard; after some discussion August 5 was the agreed upon date. Shirley will make arrangements.

Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration Dale will bring up at the next meeting and ask for suggestions how to commemorate the occasion.

Programs Fifteen members enjoyed touring the John Fairy Gardens in June followed by lunch at Classic Events Café in Hempstead. Two members joined for lunch only.

Jodi Rodriguez has arranged for two Galveston Master Gardeners, Debbie Espinosa & Hazel Lampton, to give a presentation on grafting at the July meeting. The board agreed to a \$50 Visa gift card for each of them.

Celeste Dickschat and the Texas Brigades cadets will give presentations at the August meeting. Bennie will have a raffle at the August meeting.

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

Main Street Cleanup The next Main Street Cleanup will be on Wednesday, July 6. The July 4 decorations will be taken down at that time. With the extreme heat, the plants are very dry even with the Monday & Friday watering teams. Debi will pass around another sign-up sheet for watering. There was a short discussion about adding shrubs, roses, perennials to reduce so much planting each month.

Debi will oversee the tree trimming at the church when the work is scheduled.

The Garden Club paid for the landscape in front of the Chappell Hill Bank as they are a home tour donor. When plants need to be replaced, Dale will discuss with them how they want to handle going forward.

Fourth of July Parade Debi reported 15 people (busy bees) worked on the float at Diane Wann's place and everyone participating enjoyed the experience. The club's float took second place.

Sonja Biddle has agreed to take over as Parade Chairman for next year.

Treasurer's Report Lynda will send out the financial statements as she received some outstanding charges and needs to research a Michaels charge of \$161.15. The Garden Tour netted \$7,367.47.

Lynda read a Thank You Note from Matt Roemer, one of the Texas Brigades scholarship recipients. Lynda recommended keeping the scholarship budget the same. At the July 13 meeting, she will ask members how they want to spend the club's money as the budget process needs to begin. It was suggested to put the budget on the television screen for everyone to see while Lynda is discussing it.

Cynthia Clayton requested a donation be made to the Tomball Girls Garden Club. Our club needs more information including verifying they are a 501-C organization.

Miscellaneous Business

Shirley suggested using the Garden Club email address for distributing emails, particularly when Carol is gone so she does not need to worry with it while on vacation.

Karen has typed the Committee list for Bennie's approval; it will then be added to the website. Committees will remain the same for next year unless someone asks to change and new club members will be assigned to a committee.

Dale asked for any suggestions for President. Lynda will revise the Article V – Elections in the Resource Section.

Dale suggested recognizing members who have displayed dedication and work for the club, aka gone above and beyond. Board members would not be eligible.

There was discussion about Committee Chairmen. It was suggested they each come to the November board meeting so they can understand their duties and encourage them to get their committee members involved. Debi suggested each committee keep a notebook with information to hand over to the next Chairman.

Lynda suggested adding a V-P position so that person is able to step up and take over as Club President or have that person join the board to understand the inner workings of the club to be in a better position to take over as President one day.

Dale will look over the membership roster and add members to her sponsorship committee.

The next board meeting will be Monday, August 1.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Rigamonti