

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

September 6, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:11. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Debi Faver, Loyce Jardell, Lynda Harrison, Karen Kubeczka and Carol Madeley.

Quorum was established.

Treasurer's Report Lynda presented financial reports which are attached to the original minutes. As of August 31, 2022, the book balance in the combined bank accounts was \$18,094.70. Total income through August was \$14,844 and total expenses were \$28,663, resulting in a net loss of \$13,819.

Liability insurance which covers church rental and the home tour is due in October. Lynda has had great difficulty communicating with the agent. Lynda moved that the insurance carrier, U.S. Liability Insurance Company, be retained, but the agent changed to Susan Stover, a local agent. Carol seconded the motion, which passed.

Lynda presented a Cash Statement, which is attached to the original minutes. Lynda explained the statement in detail. Scholarships are \$3,000 over budget, putting a strain on the rest of the budget. The club needs to be very careful spending money even if it's budgeted or board approved.

Scholarship Committee Meeting Dale Ramey and Lynda reported that the meeting went well. Libby Beckenbaugh is the chair, and Tommie Montgomery is assistant chair. The committee will establish a set of guidelines for choosing recipients and reporting recommendations to the board. Closer communication between the board and the committee will avoid going over budget in the future.

Home Tour Sponsorship Dale Ramey reported on sponsorship. She expressed concern about the status of sponsorships and needs help in approaching businesses. Fran Hunt has volunteered to help.

Elections Lynda will discuss elections at the October board meeting. Loyce will not run again for the board in 2023. Dale Ramey will ask members to run for the board. Dixie Ford has agreed to run.

Christmas Party Paula Barrett is working on the food for the party.

Home Tour Dale Ramey will send letters to the six homeowners, thanking them for their participation and describing the schedule of events for the pre-tour and cocktail party on Dec. 9 and the home tour on Dec. 10.

Karen created a draft of the home tour map. She will send it to Dale Ramey and Carol to proof.

Bennie will sell tickets to members at the September and October meetings. The deadline to purchase tickets is at the meeting October 12.

Bennie will create a docent schedule and distribute it at the November meeting. Every member must docent.

Pre-tour Cocktail Party Loyce reported on catering for the party. She discussed the tentative menu she is working on with Connie Wilder. There was discussion about the menu, particularly considering the need to reduce costs. Loyce will present a final recommendation at the October board meeting.

Members will be reminded that they are hosts at the party and sponsors and homeowners should go through the buffet line first.

Website The club's website platform, Weebly, is changing to Square Up. The website information will have to be completely re-created by Sept. 29. Karen will research alternatives. The board appreciates the hard work Karen does on the website and asked her to do whatever she feels is appropriate and make it as simple as possible.

Resource Book Karen has updated the book and asked for any other changes from the board. Lynda will provide updates at the October board meeting.

Karen also updated the club's Fundraising History.

Contribution to Tomball High School Garden Club Cynthia Clayton of Gold Heart Ranch requested the club donate from the proceeds of the Garden Party to the Tomball High School Garden Club. The donation is deferred until 2023.

Programs The September program will be Attractive Ornamental Drought Tolerant Plants by Wallie Watkins from John Fairy Gardens. In October, a speaker from Magic Worm Ranch will discuss worm castings.

Memory Garden Margie Ogrodowicz has volunteered to chair the Memory Garden.

Main Street Cleanup The next Main Street Cleanup will be on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 8 am. We will be planting, mulching and weeding.

Membership Janice Williams, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Janis Boulware and Tina Hart are our newest members.

Suggestion Box No suggestions were in the box, which will be available at the September meeting.

Public Relations The Brenham Banner Press printed an article with a picture of the club presenting a \$3,000 donation to the Washington County EMS at Washington County Commissioners Court.

Beer Sales Lynda explained that donations from Lana McDaniels and Shannon Webb from beer sales at the Bluebonnet and Scarecrow Festivals are a donation and not a sponsorship.

Storage The members of the sign committee will inventory their supplies in the storage unit.

Thank you notes Several thank you notes have been received. Carol will bring the notes to the September meeting for members to read.

Club Pinterest Group Karen will setup a CHGC Pinterest group for picture sharing if the club is interested. She will setup the group and invite Board members to join to test. Members will be asked if they are interested.

The next board meeting will be Monday, Sept. 26.

Debi moved to adjourn; Bennie seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley