Chappell Hill Garden Club

February 8, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened at 10:11. Present were 42 members.

Quorum was established.

Refreshments were provided by Paula Matthews, Mary Armato, Diane Wann and Joye LaBruyere.

Membership Lexa Oelze is the club's newest member but was unable to attend the meeting. Debbie Roberts, Jana Lefebvre, Antoinette Simon, Loyce Jardell and Sally Gaines will not renew their membership due to personal reasons.

Dale Ramey introduced the speaker, T.J. Jones, from Texas Artisans.

Debi Faver made a motion to approve the January 11, 2023, minutes. Susan Baumann seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Helen Yeakley Dale Ramey received a phone call from Helen Yeakley, a former club member who was the club historian. Helen had been mistakenly taken off the list of honorary lifetime members. She will be added to the list.

Helen graciously sent Dale a book about the history of the club with a touching card about how much the club meant to her. In appreciation for sending the book, the club will send Helen flowers for Valentine's Day.

Programs In March, there will be a field trip to BeeWeaver Honey Farm followed by lunch at Martha's Bloomers. Sandy Smith put menus on each table for members to select their lunch choice. Carol Madeley will send an email later in February for members who were not at the meeting to

choose their lunch. Members will pay $15 for lunch. The club will pay for the BeeWeaver tour. Members should meet at BeeWeaver at 10 am, Wednesday, March 8. Those wanting to carpool should meet at the Chappell Hill Methodist Church at 9 am.

Treasurer's Report Lynda Harrison presented the proposed 2023 budget. Members have received two emails with the budget, which is also on the website. Lynda asked for questions or comments. Jere Hill commented that the new format was easy to understand. Lynda moved that the 2023 budget be accepted as presented. Bennie Yates seconded the motion, which passed. A copy of the budget is attached to the original minutes.

Spring Fundraiser A fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 25 at First Baptist Church from 10-1. Margie Painter will talk about monarch butterflies, and Zack Stayton will discuss pollination, native plants and bees.

Dale Ramey brought flyers about the event and has more flyers at The Bluebonnet House. Everyone is encouraged to distribute flyers. Members volunteered to cover the following areas: Jere Hill, Chappell Hill; Sonjia Biddle, Giddings and Carmine; Joye LaBruyere, Waller; Paula Matthews, Brenham; Fran Hunt, the library and ACE Hardware; Vicki Henson, Hempstead; Kim Pope, Bellville; Cathy McNurlen, Next Door; and Douglas and Maclyn Jones, Cypress.

Volunteers are needed to set up the venue Friday afternoon, March 24 and Saturday morning, March 25. Volunteers are needed to provide cookies for the event. Please contact Dale Ramey to volunteer.

Community Event Phoebe Lake will give a presentation on herbs at the Masonic Lodge Saturday, Feb. 18 at 10 am. Please contact The Bluebonnet House for more information.

Fifteenth Anniversary Party Cathy McNurlen reported the party will be on May 10 from 10-3 at The Halo House at Gold Heart Ranch. Cathy had a sign-up sheet for members to indicate what year they joined the club. Cathy

already has dates filled in for most members after exhaustive review of the club's minutes.

Volunteers with a truck will be needed to pick up and set up tables and chairs for the event. Please contact Cathy McNurlen to volunteer.

Refreshments Dale Ramey explained that Virginia Malinowski is the chair of the refreshment committee and will assign a leader for each month's refreshments. Virginia will call to remind the leader about the refreshments, but it's up to the group to decide what to bring. The refreshment schedule was on each table so members could review when they signed up and sign up if they had not already done so.

Website Quiz To find out who has been going to the website, Dale Ramey asked what the plant of the month was. Douglas Jones correctly answered day lily and won two larkspur plants from The Bluebonnet House. Dale Ramey will have a different website question at each meeting to encourage members to go to the website.

Christmas Party Dale Ramey explained that since the club is giving members a catered meal at the anniversary party, the club will not be paying the entire cost of the Christmas party in 2023. The board discussed cutting back on expenses and suggested having the Christmas party at Janis Boulware's home. The party could be a cocktail finger food party instead of a seated meal. Members agreed with the idea. The Christmas Party Committee will finalize the plans.

Suggestion Box The board has received and reviewed many suggestions from members. Dale Ramey addressed a few of them.

Main Street Cleanup Debi Faver was disappointed in the turnout at the cleanup on Feb. 6. Few people came to help. Debi explained that if a member is on the Main Street Committee, they need to come to the monthly cleanups which are scheduled on the first Wednesday of the month unless changed due to weather. If a member of the committee is unable to come, they should call Debi and let her know they are not

coming. Debi thanked Mary Smith, Glennis Tolunay, Dixie Ford, Janice Williams, Twyla Kingsley and Woody Taylor for all their hard work. The next cleanup is Wednesday, March 1. Everyone is invited to come.

The outdoor water pipes at the Post Office broke during the cold weather. Debi and her husband, Tommy, installed sprinklers and drip lines at the Post Office beds.

Schedule for Watering on Main Street Debi Faver asked members to sign up on the schedule for watering on Main Street.

Committees Bennie Yates thanked members for indicating their committee choice on their applications. She encouraged members to sign up for more than one committee. Help is desperately needed for cleanup after the home tour cocktail party and Christmas party. Many members signed up for a second committee at the end of the meeting. When Bennie completes the committee schedule, it will be on the website.

Scholarship Chair Libby Beckenbaugh sent letters to the 2022 scholarship recipients, reminding them to submit their applications and supporting documentation by May 1. Members are encouraged to tell people about the scholarship opportunity.

Before breaking for lunch, Dixie Ford led the club in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

T.J. Jones gave a workshop on taking photographs with cell phones. A copy of his handout is attached to the original minutes. He encouraged members to submit three nature photographs to him at tjjonesartist@gmail.com The photos should be taken in Washington County. The best photo of each group of three will be chosen to be displayed at the Art Walk on May 27, 2023. The club will cover the costs of printing and the photos will be displayed in the garden at The Bluebonnet House. T.J. asked those wanting to participate to sign up. The deadline for entries is April 15.

Water Bottle Atriums Debi Faver showed how to make an atrium out of a water bottle.

Twyla Kingsley moved to adjourn; Helon Loep seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:54.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley