Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

February 28, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:06. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Debi Faver, Karen Kubeczka, Shirley Rigamonti and Carol Madeley.

Quorum was established.

Karen moved that the Feb. 6 board minutes be approved. Debi seconded the motion, which passed.

Dale Ramey announced that Carol will not run for a board position in 2024 due to personal reasons. There was discussion about a replacement for secretary. Carol will call some members to see if they are interested in running.

Spring Fundraiser A fundraiser with speakers on monarch butterflies, native plants, pollination and bees will be held on Saturday, March 25 at First Baptist Church from 10-1. Dale Ramey expressed concern that only two tickets have been sold. She encouraged everyone to publicize the event and sell tickets. She will ask Jayne Hollywood to send an email about the event to garden clubs.

Carol, Shirley, Debi and Bennie volunteered to help set up Friday at 6 pm on March 24. Karen volunteered to help take down after the event on Saturday, March 25. Everyone was encouraged to bring vases filled with wildflowers to put on the tables.

Bennie is in charge of refreshments. Water, coffee and tea will be available. Carol will send an email to members, asking them to text Bennie if they will bring cookies.

Debra Salcedo will set up a booth to sell seeds. Booths are available for $100.

Dale Ramey has paid the $100 rental fee and provided proof of insurance.

Carol will send an email to members about the fundraiser asking members for their support, selling tickets, setting up and taking down, and providing cookies.

Members do not need to buy a ticket but are encouraged to sell tickets. Tickets cost $20 until March 15, when they will cost $25. Tickets can be purchased on the website. Members may collect the money and let Dale Ramey know the names. There will not be any actual tickets.

Fifteenth Anniversary Party Cathy McNurlen and her committee have been working hard on the party, which will be held in May at Gold Heart Ranch.

Programs On March 8, there will be a field trip to BeeWeaver with lunch following at Martha's Bloomers. Thirty-five members have signed up. The club will cover the cost of the BeeWeaver tour. Members are responsible for $15 plus tip for their lunch. Members may form their own carpools or meet at Chappell Hill Methodist Church at 9 am on March 8 to carpool. Sandy Smith will be at the church to help organize carpools. Members will be asked to let Sandy know if they are NOT meeting at the church.

In April, Dr. Robert Puckett will talk about insects. The anniversary party is in May.

Dale Ramey will ask Barbara Segal if we could hold the June meeting at Lillian Farms. Delena Tull will give a program on edible plants, and we will forage for plants.

Scholarship Shirley reported that no applications have been received yet. Previous recipients have been encouraged to apply.

Club Printing Needs Karen volunteered to do the printing work for the club as an hourly paid employee. She has ordered and received a printer to be used by the club.

Karen made some suggestions to improve the home tour brochure. She recommended providing full page ads for sponsors donating $1,000 and half page ads for sponsors donating $500. Other sponsors would be listed only. This would reduce the size and the cost of the brochure. Karen suggested

providing QR codes for all the sponsors on the website so people could go directly to the sponsor's websites.

Website Karen reported that 36 members have set up accounts on the website.

Main Street Cleanup Debi gave an update on the beds on Main Street and at Chappell Hill Methodist Church.

Watering on Main Street The schedule is on the website.

Committees Bennie distributed a list of committees, which is attached to the original minutes. Carol will send an email asking members to check the website for the committees and if there are any mistakes to text Bennie.

Suggestion Box There were two suggestions in the box.

A member suggested not allowing dogs in the homes on the day of the home tour. The board agreed that we must respect the homeowners' wishes regarding their dogs.

A suggestion was made to ask local businesses to decorate a Christmas tree and display it on the day of the home tour. This could be a competition and would involve the community. The suggestion for the competition will be passed on to the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce who would be in charge of any such competition. Regarding including Christmas trees on Main Street during the home tour, several metal trees have been purchased and will be painted and displayed during the home tour.

Tomball Memorial High School Garden Club Donation Dale Ramey has presented Cynthia Clayton a donation of $2,000 for Tomball Memorial High School Garden Club.

Home Tour Dale Ramey will have a meeting with the fundraising committee next week. Karen volunteered to attend the meeting and explain the sponsorship spread sheet she created.

Mothers' Day Fundraiser in 2024 The club needs to decide soon if we want to have another Mothers' Day fundraiser at Gold Heart Ranch in 2024. There was discussion about how successful the one was in 2022.

Helen Yeakley Dale Ramey sent flowers to Helen Yeakley, an honorary lifetime member, in appreciation for sending a book about the club's history.

Shirley moved to adjourn; Bennie seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley