Chappell Hill Garden Club General Meeting

May 8, 2024

President Dixie Ford called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM on the outside deck of Texas Star Winery in Chappell Hill. She presented a prayer and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Ford thanked the refreshment and program committees for providing a lovely setting with beautiful decorations and an enticing spread of food and plants for the swap.

A quorum was established with 34 members present.

Minutes: Dale D. moved to accept the March 13 minutes, Angela made the second, and all approved. The April 10 regular meeting was a field trip to Brookwood Community in Brookshire, Texas. No minutes were taken for the lunch and facility tour, but it was an enjoyable and interesting day. Due to recent flooding, no Brookwood citizens were working in the Café, but the tour guides were parents of citizens, very knowledgeable, and pleased to lead the tours.

Treasurer's Report: In Kay's absence, Dixie reported a balance of $53,773.16 (including two CDs) for a total of $55,324.13 in Assets. Total Revenue through April $6,760.98, Total Expenses $4,169.63 with Net Revenue of $2,519.27.

Committee Reports:

-Dale reported it is hard to get sponsorships for more than one event per year, therefore she recommends only asking businesses to sponsor the Home Tour. The June 15 event will be from 10-2 with the two previously announced speakers. Bennie will coordinate refreshments. The current need is for greater ticket sales.

- Dixie reminded all that Home Tour ticket money of $100 from each member is due at the June 12 meeting.

- Shirley reported there were more applicants than funds available and that the committee's recommendations had been approved by the board. Schools represented include: SHSU, TX Tech, Blinn, A&M, TSTC Waco, and A&M Works and College Opportunities (WACO). Dixie thanked the scholarship committee for their work.

-Debi reported that Main St. would be ready for July 4th with red, white, and blue plantings. Weeds were pulled and plants were mulched on May 1. Glennis received accolades for her planting speed and Cathy and Margie planted the largest quantity. June 5 will be the next Clean Up. More help with watering is needed in July – September, on either Monday or Friday, a total of 4 times during a month.

-July 4th planning meeting will be May 13 at Diane Wann's home at 10 AM. The theme for this year's float will include butterflies and painted fence pickets with faces and greenery along the

edges. Members are invited to buy a $20 butterfly outfit to walk in the two block parade (see Sonjia Biddle for costume info) at 10 AM on July 4.

- Christmas Party committee to meet following the general meeting today at the winery.

- Seed Library – Maclyn reported that seeds should be labeled with the date of collection and the blooming season.

Dixie announced upcoming dates to remember:
June 5 - Main St. Cleanup
June 12 - due date for Home Tour tickets and the next regular meeting on Earth-wise Gardening/Water Conservation by Master Gardener Paul Winski (Refreshments to be provided by Sally, Doug & Maclyn Jones, and Debi Faver)
June 15 - Fundraiser at St Stanislaus Catholic Church in Chappell Hill.

Cathy made the motion to adjourn for lunch and the plant swap, Angela made the second, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware