Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

June 5, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:13. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Karen Kubeczka, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Carol Madeley, Dixie Ford, Lynda Harrison, Debi Faver, Shirley Rigamonti and Sonjia Biddle.

Prior to the meeting, Sonjia Biddle discussed plans for the Fourth of July Parade. The theme for the parade is Star Spangled Spectacular Independence Day. Sonija will pass around a sign-up sheet for the parade committee at the June 14 meeting. Carol will include a notice about volunteering in the meeting emails.

Quorum was established.

Shirley moved that the May 1 board minutes be approved. Karen seconded the motion, which passed.

Home Tour Dale Ramey reported there are six homes interested in being on the home tour. After homeowners have committed, Mary Humphries is planning to host a tea for homeowners to meet each other and learn more about the home tour.

Linda Weld and Classic Labs will not be able to sponsor the tickets this year. Dale Ramey is working with Microlife to sponsor the tickets. Carol will send a thank you note to Linda Weld for sponsoring tickets for many years.

Bennie will get a quote from Webb Printing for the tickets.

Citizens on Patrol will not be available for the home tour this year. The club will hire a policeman to be on Main Street for four hours on the day of the tour.

Dale Ramey will talk to Janis Williams about chairing the Friday Night Cocktail Party. Lynda suggested catering the party, rather than club members providing refreshments. The board agreed.

At the May board meeting, a motion was passed to require members to pay for their home tour tickets by the end of February. Kay noted that Standing Rule #8 says members must "purchase home tour tickets within 30 days of when they are available." Either the standing rule must be changed, or tickets must be available in January. Tickets could be printed in January and members could pay for them in February. Kay would hold tickets for those members who didn't want to take them in February.

After much discussion, Bennie moved that money for home tour tickets be collected in October, as it has been in the past. Carol seconded and the motion was approved.

Members will be reminded that they are responsible for buying $100 of tickets, regardless of when they join or if they resign. The budget depends on that money being collected. Members will be encouraged to pay monthly or quarterly, rather than waiting until October.

Karen will add a statement to the membership application that members must pay for tickets immediately if they resign.

Scholarship Shirley will give an update at the July board meeting.

Art Walk The photo contest was popular at the Art Walk. Several photos were purchased. Some sales were lost because credit cards weren't accepted. Squares, which are used for credit card sales, should be available at every garden club event.

Fifteenth Anniversary Party The party was huge success. Cathy McNurlen did an exceptional job organizing a fun party and documenting it well. Lynda was very appreciative of her detailed accounting records.

Refreshments Virginia Malinowski continues to have problems with members bringing refreshments. Members will be reminded at the June meeting that everyone is required to bring refreshments once a year and they are responsible for deciding what to bring.

Main Street Cleanup The next cleanup is Wednesday, June 7. Debi needs help packaging bluebonnet seeds the club will sell. Debi also needs help digging up and replanting daffodils. Debi will have sign-up sheets at the

June meeting, asking for volunteers. Carol will also send an email about volunteer opportunities that Debi provides.

Debi will paint the nutcrackers and Christmas trees Dale Ramey donated to the club. Debi will need help and will have a sign-up sheet at the June meeting. The decorations will be used to decorate Main Street for the home tour. Because of the size of the decorations, Debi suggested getting a bigger storage unit. Dale Ramey and Debi will see if the club can get a bigger unit for the same $600/year cost.

Watering on Main Street Debi will pass around a sign-up sheet for watering from July through October. She will have another training session.

Suggestion Box There were no suggestions in the box.

Seed Library Participation in the seed library by members has been disappointing. Members should bring seeds, take seeds and use seeds on Main Street and at the church. If participation doesn't increase by next spring, the seed library will be discontinued. Dale Ramey will talk about the library at the June meeting. A list of available seeds is on the website.

Financial Report Lynda and Kay are working on transferring the financial information to Quick Books. They will have a financial report at the July board meeting.

The balance in the bank at 5/31/23 was $15,297.38. The club also has a $20,000 CD which will mature 1/13/24 and is accruing interest.

Lynda reminded the board the procedure for using the club debit card. She has a card and Dale Ramey has a card. Members should check the card out and when they bring it back, bring the receipt.

All receipts are due in three days. Members should send Lynda and Kay a text when they spend money for the club.

Lana McDaniels and Shannon Webb donated $2,668.15 from the Bluebonnet Festival beer sales. Carol read a nice note from Lana and Shannon thanking the garden club for sponsoring the beer booths and making our community a great place to live.

Maifest Parade Dale Ramey and Carol rode in the Maifest Parade in Brenham on Saturday, May 6 representing the Garden Club. Dale Ramey will check into purchasing a snap on Garden Club sign which could be used for future events.

Kay moved to adjourn; Dixie seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley