Chappell Hill Garden Club

April 12, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer by Gary Pullins at 10:01. Cathy McNurlen led the pledge of allegiance. Present were 38 members, and one visitor, Virginia Sevier, who joined.

Quorum was established.

Susan Baumann made a motion to approve the February 8, 2023, minutes. Jodi Rodriguez seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report There was no treasurer's report.

Spring Fundraiser The March 25 fundraiser on monarch butterflies, pollination, native plants and bees was well attended, and everyone enjoyed it. Financial results are not known, but it was not the financial success expected. Dale Ramey thanked everyone who helped with set up and take down and selling items. A $25 gift certificate will be given to Freida Shipley of First Baptist Church for all her help at the event.

Some lessons were learned from the event. One was the need to have physical tickets for future fundraisers. Another was that more participation from club members is needed.

Zac Stayton's presentation from the event is on the website.

Membership Betty Demara, Margaret Maerker, Virginia Sevier and Jerrie Powell are the newest members. All were at the meeting except Jerrie. Kim Pope has resigned due to personal reasons. Scott Hillman has been removed from membership because he has not paid dues.

Corresponding Secretary Susan Baumann has agreed to chair the corresponding secretary committee, replacing Kim Pope. Dale Ramey thanked Kim for a job well done.

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 RSVP sheet for members to indicate if they are coming. The deadline to RSVP is April 17. Cathy will contact members who weren't at the meeting and an email will be sent requesting RSVPs.

Programs Sandy Smith reminded members to submit their photos for the contest by May 1. Pictures can be sent to T.J. Jones at tjjonesartist@gmail.com or Sandy Smith at mercysmith@aol.com Members may submit three photos and the best one will be printed and displayed at the Art Walk on May 27, 2023. The photos will be available for purchase.

In June, Delena Tull, a professor at the University of Montana, will give a presentation on edible plants.

Scholarship Shirley Rigamonti reported that the committee is working on guidelines for evaluating applications. Only a few applications have been received. The deadline is May 1. The committee will meet at the end of April.

Website Karen Kubeczka reported the website is up to date. Doug Jones is helping Karen with the website and the digital photo frame.

To find out who has been going to the website, Dale Ramey asked how many members have signed up for accounts on the website. No one knew the correct answer of 38 so no one won the Easter cactus prize. Dale Ramey will have a different website question at each meeting to encourage members to go to the website.

Suggestion Box There were no suggestions in the box. Members were encouraged to put their suggestions in the box.

Home Tour Dale Ramey reported that Paula Matthews has resigned from the fundraising committee. Mary Humphries is on the committee, which will meet soon.

Main Street Cleanup April Cleanup was cancelled because the beds look good, and it was too early to pull up bluebonnets. In May, daffodils will be transplanted. Debi Faver said members who help in May will be able to take some bulbs home.

Debi thanked Twyla Kingsley and Woody Taylor for taking care of the beds at Chappell Hill Methodist Church.

Watering on Main Street The watering reel next to the Rock Store on Main Street has been moved to the alley between Carol's Ice House and Chupacabra Leather Company. Debi Faver said she would show anyone on the watering committee how to use the new reel. Chupacabra will pay the water bill, but any amount over $60 a month, the club will pay. Debi asked waterers to be careful to turn the water off when they are finished.

2024 Spring Fundraiser Dale Ramey asked members to think about a 2024 spring fundraiser. The club is allowed two fundraisers a year without paying sales tax. One possibility is another Mothers' Day Garden Party at Gold Heart Ranch. Cynthia Clayton has not decided if she wants to host it in 2024. Members should think about other venues or other events. If the club decides not to have a spring fundraiser, the club will have to cut back on parties and events and scholarships.

2024 Secretary Carol Madeley will resign as secretary in 2024 due to personal reasons. Janis Boulware has expressed interest in running for the position. Dale Ramey encouraged other members to consider the job. Dale Ramey gave Carol a beautiful Easter cactus in appreciation for her work as secretary.

Before the speaker began, the club had lunch. A delicious Mexican buffet was provided by Debra Salcedo, Gary and Katherine Pullins and Janice Williams. Gary Pullins entertained the club with a funny song.

Sandy Smith introduced the speaker, Dr. Robert Puckett from A&M. Puckett gave an interesting presentation on ants.

Jodi Rodriguez moved to adjourn; Shirley Rigamonti seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:11.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley