Chappell Hill Garden Club Board Meeting

February 5, 2024

The Chappell Hill Garden Club board was called to order at 1:58 PM by President Dixie Ford in the classroom of Chappell Hill Methodist Church. Present were Bennie Yates, Debi Faver, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Dale Ramey, Janis Boulware, and Karen Kubeczka. Quorum (min 4) was established. Dixie presented a hanging basket prayer plant to Janis in recognition of the January 17 death of her father.

Dale moved that the January 8, 2024, minutes be approved. Kay seconded and all voted in favor.

Old Business:

1) Dixie reported the revisions to the bylaws and standing rules will be published on the club's website.
2) Dale reported the tree for Barbara Segal's property, in memory of Barbara's son, will most likely be a thirty gallon Montezuma Cypress to be purchased for about $125.

New Business:

1) Bennie stated there are currently 41 members, and that the February 14 meeting is the deadline for membership. A discussion ensued as to who had not renewed and how they would be contacted as a reminder to submit their dues. Dixie read a resignation letter from Bob Markos that thanked the club for the many years of friendship and that he encourages members to speak to him when he is seen at Walmart or HEB.
2) Dixie announced that Cheryl Robinson and Glennis Tolunay have agreed to organize new member events and assimilation. Dixie showed a proposed packet for prospective/new members that contains a welcome letter from the club, a gardening poem (from the Resource Book), a membership application, and a list of committees from which members should choose.
3) Dixie is developing a packet for the Committee Chairs (8) that will include the poem, committee responsibilities (from the bylaws), list of their committee members, committee budget for the year, budget guidelines, and how to get reimbursed for budgeted expenses. It was also suggested that a copy of the TX Sales and Use Tax Resale Certificate be included. Dixie will meet with the Committee Chairs apart from a board meeting to discuss procedures and allow plenty of time for questions.
4) Committee news:
   Fundraising - Dale would like to hold two fundraisers a year, every other year, instead of annually. The Home Tour will remain an annual event on the second Saturday in December. The "second" fundraiser for 2024 is planned for June 15 from 10 AM to 1 PM at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. This is a different date and location than previously reported to allow more room for vendors and participants. Tickets will be $25 until June 1, then raised to $30 and at the door. Tickets should be available at the March meeting and CHGC members will be asked to buy their own ticket to attend. Dale requested committees to help with setup and cleanup and asked for suggestions for vendors. A question about Wi-Fi access was raised and Dale will find out as the plan is to have the new Square device for accepting credit cards available at this event. Dale will also be on the lookout for raffle items on her buying trip to Laredo. Regarding the Home Tour event in December, six homes are currently committed. Invoices will be sent this year to tour sponsors, so mailing address and email

addresses will need to be collected from donors. Other suggestions were discussed for a future "second" fundraising event including a dog parade or Easter (bonnet) parade. More ideas were encouraged.
Main Street Clean Up – Debi plans to add in snapdragons and would like to have Crazy Love Roses if they can be found at a manageable cost for the post office flower beds.
IT – Karen reported that a Dropbox link was sent out to board members with access to past records. Also, the one-time Shell grant she applied for on behalf of the club was approved in the amount of $500.
Programs – Set for the year and include two field trips and a May Plant Swap.
Scholarship – Changes were made to the application and sent to 2023 recipients. Two have been received back from high school seniors so far.
Treasurer's Report - Kay announced the 1099 and federal tax forms were completed and submitted. Also, that the new CDs would be earning 4%. She then answered questions about the proposed budget before making a motion to approve the budget as presented. Dale seconded and all voted in favor.
Community Outreach – Other than purchase of the tree, more ideas are needed as Kay reminded the board that $2500 is in the budget for this, and that "support for community outreach needs" is part of the CHGC Mission Statement.

Announcements:
Next meeting is on February 14.
Cheryl Robinson, Tom Yates, Sandy Smith, Virginia Malinowski, Tina Hart, and Shirley Rigamonti will provide refreshments.
The program will be on Composting, presented by Debi Faver.

Dale made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 PM, Kay seconded, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware