

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

November 2, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:01. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Debi Faver, Karen Kubeczka, Shirley Rigamonti, Dixie Ford, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Sandy Smith, Lynda Harrison and Carol Madeley.

Quorum was established.

Bennie moved that the Sept. 26 board minutes be approved. Shirley seconded the motion, which passed.

Home Tour Due to medical issues, Mandy Forbes' home will no longer be on the home tour, but a replacement historic home in Chappell Hill has been secured. The pre-tour cocktail party was going to be at Mandy's home, so Dale Ramey has been working hard to find a new place for the party. She has some options and will finalize the venue soon.

Kathy Parker will need help decorating two large trees in her home prior to the home tour.

Dale Ramey reported \$6,175 in sponsorships and \$1,750 in donations have been collected. Roughly another \$4,400 in sponsorships have been promised. Three one-thousand-dollar sponsorships have been collected or promised by Dan Parker, Jerry Brown and Holloway Homes.

Mandy Forbes will create the home tour photo book for homeowners. Karen Kubeczka and Debra Salcedo will take pictures before and during the tour.

All members except Sally Gaines and Scott Hillman have purchased tickets for the home tour. Both have agreed to buy their tickets. On Pay Pal, \$175 tickets have been sold.

Dale Ramey and Karen Kubeczka have been working on the home tour brochure and map. A group picture of the garden club members will be included in the brochure.

Bennie Yates is working on the docent schedule and will hand out assignments at the November 9 meeting. All members are required to docent, and no one has asked to be excused.

Two banners will be put at the light at 290 and Chappell Hill.

Advertising for the tour will be in The Houston Chronicle, the Brenham Banner-Press, Heights Magazine and a paper in Katy. Several radio ads will be purchased as well.

Loyce Jardell is considering replacing Connie Wilder to cater the pre-tour cocktail party with Smitty's Café and Bakery instead. Once she finalizes the plans with Smitty's, Carol Madeley and Dale Ramey will write a note to Connie Wilder informing her that the club is using Smitty's and thanking her for her help.

Debi Faver will check the storage unit for booties for the home tour.

Christmas Party Paula Barrett and her committee are finalizing plans for the Christmas party Dec. 14 at the Brenham Country Club.

Storage The code for the storage unit has been changed to *3318#

Website Karen Kubiczka reported that less than half of the members have created accounts for the new website. The board thanked Karen for her hard work creating the beautiful new site.

Programs Sandy Smith discussed the tentative program schedule for 2023. She will ask members for ideas at the November meeting.

In January, Herman Auer, a Galveston Master Gardener, will give a hands-on grafting demonstration with members participating.

In February, T.J. Jones will give a presentation on nature photography.

In March, the club will take a field trip to BeeWeavers in Navasota and go out to lunch afterwards.

In April, Vicki Henson will give a program on monarch butterflies.

The club's fifteenth anniversary party will be in May.

Delena Tull, a college professor, will give a presentation on edible plants in June. The club may forage at Lillian Farms or some other location.

In July, Dr. Robert Puckett, an urban entomologist from Texas A&M, will give a program on insects.

Sandy Smith will present a program on terrariums in August. In addition, there may be a craft project making flower arrangements to take to nursing homes.

In September, Justin Duncan will present a program on organic cover crops and resilient soils.

Hydroponics will be the topic at the October meeting. Alternatively, Tom Leroy may speak.

November will be a business meeting preparing for the home tour, and the December meeting will be the Christmas party.

Dale Ramey suggested members give short presentations at each meeting about what they have learned about gardening.

Possible Fundraiser for 2023 Dale Ramey suggested a fundraiser with a speaker on an evening or Saturday in 2023. Possibly Justin Duncan or a speaker on tagging butterflies would be available.

Resource Book Lynda Harrison wants to make changes to the Resource Book and will present them at the January budget meeting.

Membership Barbara Segal, who resigned due to health reasons, would like to be an honorary lifetime member. Lynda Harrison suggested inviting Barbara to the Christmas party and presenting her with her lifetime membership. Lynda volunteered to provide transportation and whatever else Barbara might need so she can come to the party. Lynda will contact Barbara.

Main Street Cleanup Debi Faver reported that 156 bluebonnets were planted today. Some of the seeds that were thrown last month are starting to come up. Only 11 members helped with today's cleanup.

Seed Library Dale Ramey will ask Debra Salcedo to speak for a few minutes at each meeting about the available seeds.

Suggestion Box Five suggestions were in the box. The suggestions and the board's response are listed below.

Suggestion: Extend the area planted and maintained by the club to the historical society **Board Response:** The club is already overextended and having a hard time maintaining the current beds and chose not to add more beds.

Suggestion: Connect a soaker hose at the post office and the Memory Garden **Board Response:** The club has already installed an expensive watering system in both places and soaker hoses historically become damaged quickly.

Two Suggestions: Make refreshments simpler and not an elaborate meal **Board Response:** Members have the option to provide whatever refreshments they would like. There are no requirements for the amount or the variety of refreshments. Each committee may bring whatever they want.

Suggestion: Give membership certificates for the number of years in the club to members at the fifteenth anniversary party **Board Response:** The suggestion will be passed on to the Anniversary Party chair, Cathy McNurlen.

Watering on Main Street Schedule Since we finally got some rain and the weather has cooled off, watering on Main Street is not as critical as it was before. Watering is not required if it rains.

2023 Budget Dale Ramey suggested including a donation to the Chappell Hill Masonic Cemetery to our 2023 community outreach budget.

Tomball High School Garden Club Donation Cynthia Clayton of Gold Heart Ranch requested the club donate from the proceeds of the Spring Garden Party to the Tomball High School Garden Club. Lynda Harrison

said the club doesn't have the funds in 2022 and recommended the donation be deferred until 2023. Dale Ramey brought a form to donate to the Tomball Independent School District. It's unclear whether this is the way to donate directly to the garden club. Lynda will give Dale Ramey a list of questions to ask the Tomball High School principal to verify how to donate to the garden club. Dale Ramey will call the principal for more information.

Treasurer's Report Lynda Harrison presented several financial statements, which are attached to the original minutes. Lynda discussed the statements, including a balance sheet, a profit and loss statement, a budget vs. actual profit and loss statement, a modified cash flow statement, and a member dues and ticket sales statement. Lynda explained each statement and answered questions.

As of October 31, 2022, \$31,236.37 was in the combined bank accounts. Total income through October was \$18,088.23 and total expenses were \$30,091.07, resulting in a net loss of \$12,002.84. Ticket sales, donations and sponsorships for the 2022 home tour will be recognized in December.

The next board meeting will be Monday, December 5.

Bennie moved to adjourn; Shirley seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley