Chappell Hill Garden Club

October 12, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer by Sandy Smith at 10:01. Margie Ogrodowicz led the pledge of allegiance. Present were 43 members, including Paula Matthews, our newest member.

Quorum was established.

Refreshments were provided by Cheryl Robinson, Sandy Smith, Helon Loep and Kathi Kleiner.

Shirley Rigamonti introduced Gary Green from Magic Worm Ranch, who gave a presentation on worm castings.

Bennie Yates made a motion to approve the September 14 minutes as corrected. Cathy McNurlen seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Dale Ramey reported that Lana McDaniels and Shannon Webb donated $2,825 from beer sales at the Scarecrow Festival.

Treasurer's Report Lynda Harrison reported the book balance in the combined bank accounts was $25,588.85 as of September 30, 2022. There was a net loss of $13,970.36 through September 2022. Financial statements are attached to the original minutes.

Deferred income totals $10,915, consisting of $10,775 in donations, sponsorships and ticket sales for the 2022 home tour and $140 in 2023 dues and 2023 tour income. In December, $10,775 will be recognized, and the rest will be recognized in 2023.

The liability insurance premium of $484 was paid recently. The insurance covers the homes on the home tour and the church where we have

meetings. Directors' and officers' insurance is paid every other year and will be paid in 2023.

Committee chairs need to submit their budget requests for 2023 soon.

Elections Lynda Harrison passed out ballots for board members for 2023. A maximum of nine members are allowed. Nine members were on the ballot: Debi Faver, Dixie Ford, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Lynda Harrison, Karen Kubeczka, Carol Madeley, Dale Ramey, Shirley Rigamonti and Bennie Yates. After counting the ballots, Lynda announced that all nine members were elected to the board.

Membership Barbara Segal has resigned due to health reasons. Dale Ramey will ask if she would like to be an honorary lifetime member.

Fifteenth Anniversary Party Cathy McNurlen is the committee chair. The party will be in May 2023 at Gold Heart Ranch.

Home Tour Sponsorship Dale Dugas will retire from the sponsorship committee in 2023. Fran Hunt has volunteered to be on the committee in 2023. Dale Ramey encouraged other members to volunteer.

Dale Ramey reported $12,350 has been pledged in sponsorships in 2022. Two new sponsors have been added this year: Houston Chemicals and Holloway Homes. Other companies, including Chapelton Vineyards and Chappell Hill RV Resort, are being pursued for sponsorship.

Home Tour Six homes are on the December 10, 2022 Home Tour.

Bennie Yates collected money from members for their home tour tickets. The deadline to buy tickets is October 12. The board will call members who have not bought their tickets.

All members are required to docent at the home tour. Shifts will be from 9:30-1:30 or 1:30-5:30. Bennie Yates will schedule docents. The schedule will be available at the November meeting.

Flyers were available for distribution. Dale Dugas and Paula Barrett will cover Brenham; Kim Pope and Susan Baumann will cover Bellville; Stanley Smith and Loyce Jardell will cover Navasota; Vickie Henson will cover Hempstead; Bennie Yates will cover Chappell Hill and Joye LaBruyere will cover Waller. Members are encouraged to keep fliers in their car and ask businesses to post them.

On Friday, December 9, there will be a pre-tour for docents, homeowners and sponsors donating $500 or more. The tour will begin in Doe Run. After the tour, a cocktail party will be held at Mandy Forbes' home. Loyce Jardell is in charge of catering for the party.

Twyla Kingsley is the chair for the home tour contest. The theme this year is porch signs. Twenty-two people have signed up to participate and are divided into six teams. Twyla passed around a sign-up sheet for additional participants. If interested, please contact Twyla at 832-785-7275. Porch signs to be decorated were available to be picked up by team leaders.

Website Karen Kubeczka has moved the club's website platform to WIX. Karen passed out a tip sheet for members to create their accounts on the new website.

Main Street Cleanup Everyone is invited to help at cleanup, which is the first Wednesday of the month. The next cleanup will be November 2.

Volunteers are needed to plant Thursday, Oct. 13 at 9 am at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church.

Watering on Main Street Debi Faver has a schedule for watering on Main Street, which is on the website. Debi passed around a sign-up sheet for November and December.

Programs The November meeting will be a business meeting, finalizing home tour plans. There will not be a program.

Refreshments Virginia Malinowski is the chair in 2023. She passed around a sign-up sheet for 2023. Members are required to bring refreshments once a year.

Community Events Gary Pullins reminded everyone to vote on or before November 8.

Next Meeting The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9.

Door Prize Janis Boulware was the door prize winner.

Jodi Rodriguez moved to adjourn; Debi Faver seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley