Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

December 4, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 1:57. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Karen Kubeczka, Dixie Ford, Lynda Harrison, Debi Faver, Carol Madeley, Shirley Rigamonti, Janis Boulware and Kay Hanson-Clerc.

Quorum was established.

Shirley moved that the October 30 board minutes be approved. Bennie seconded the motion, which passed.

Election of Officers The slate of officers is Dixie Ford, President; Bennie Yates, Vice President; Kay Hanson-Clerc, Treasurer and Janis Boulware, Secretary. Shirley moved that the slate be accepted. Dale Ramey seconded, and the motion was approved. The new slate of officers will take effect January 1, 2024.

Dale Ramey welcomed Janis to the board.

Home Tour Publicity Brenham Banner-Press is going to Glennis Tolunay's home tomorrow to take pictures for an article about the home tour. Heights Magazine has published an article about the tour. Information about the tour is on the radio.

The board agreed that more publicity about what the club does is needed.

Home Tour Sponsorship Sponsorships of $14,181 have been collected. A little more will be collected this week.

Home Tour Tickets Public ticket sales through November are $2,893, well below the budgeted $10,400.

Home Tour Booklet The booklet is at the printer and will be ready on Wednesday. Four hundred booklets and an additional 60 extra maps have been ordered. Dale Ramey thanked Karen for her work on the booklet.

Docents Most homes have 4 or 5 docents in the morning and in the afternoon. Two members originally assigned to docent have told Bennie they will not be available.

Laminated information on the house will be available at each house. Bennie will leave bags with punchers for tickets, a list of docents at the house and booties at each house. Bennie ordered 1,000 pairs of plastic booties to be worn in case of rain. Debi will bring baskets for the booties to each house.

Home Tour Cocktail Party The party is at Glennis Tolunay's house at the end of the pre-tour for docents, sponsors and homeowners. Connie Wilder is catering, and Janis Williams is in charge.

Home Tour Contest Wreath decorating teams should bring their wreaths to the Masonic Lodge from 1-3 on Friday, Dec. 8. Sonjia Biddle has donated gingerbread men cookies for the visitors viewing the contest and Round Top Ruggers Rug Show. Visitors can bid on the wreaths and vote on their favorite wreath. Bidding will begin at $50.

Homeowner Brunch Mary Humphries gave a successful brunch for the homeowners so they could get to know each other.

Photos for the Home Tour Book for Homeowners Karen and Janis Boulware will take photos of the homes on the tour on Friday, Dec. 8.

2024 Home Tour Dale Ramey and Karen will prepare for the home tour much earlier next year.

Christmas Party The party is on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 11-3 at Lillian Farms.

Spring Fundraiser A decision about the spring fundraiser will be made in 2024.

Budget Committee budgets are due Dec. 15. Kay has only received a few budgets so far. After the budget is approved, Kay will email committee chairs what their budget is.

Membership Twenty-nine members paid their dues for 2024 at the November meeting. A few more applications have been turned in since the meeting.

Suggestion Box There was one suggestion to have a social after hours, such as a games night.

Programs Mary Smith, Lexi Oelze and Jodi Rodriguez will be co-chairs in 2024. Debi suggested inviting Trey Holleway, who is running for sheriff. He is not allowed to solicit votes, but he can come to present a program on law enforcement, etc.

Treasurer's Report Lynda presented the financial statements, which are attached to the original minutes. The bank balance in the operating account as of 11/30/23 was $26,747.79. The club also has a $20,000 CD which will mature 1/13/24. The CD has accrued $495 in interest through November. Net income through November is $7,470.35.

Kay reported that the Christmas party is overbudget by roughly $150. Per the Resource Book, board approval is needed to pay bills that are overbudget. Dale Ramey moved that the club approve up to $200 over budget for the Christmas party. Bennie seconded and the motion was approved.

Lynda reported that the CD will mature 1/13/24 and she will roll it over with the bank that has the best rates. She has checked current rates, which today were as high as 4.9% for a 9-month CD. The rates change quickly and may be different on the day of maturity.

There was discussion about donors restricting the use of their donation. If a donation is restricted to a certain account, it may not be used for anything else.

Karen moved to adjourn; Kay seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

After adjournment, Bennie presented Dale Ramey with a gift from the board for her fifteen years of service as president. Dale thanked the board for their help.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley