Chappell Hill Garden Club Board Meeting

April 1, 2024

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board Meeting was called to order at 1:58 PM by President Dixie Ford in the Sunday School classroom of Chappell Hill Methodist Church. Present were Dixie Ford, Debi Faver, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Janis Boulware, Karent Kubeczka, and Bennie Yates. Dale Ramey was unable to attend.

Bennie moved to accept the March 4 board meeting minutes as presented, second by Kay and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Kay reported a bank balance of cash and CD's totaling $50,338.14. YTD Income is $3,128 .83 and Expenses total $3,851, including the prepaid storage unit and $2,000 for Texas Brigades, for a Net Loss of $776.23. The March raffle only brought in $69 so Bennie has decided not to do any more for the year. Kay emphasized the importance of getting a W-9 form completed from any individual the club hires for a service over $700 so that the W-2 can be properly completed. This does not apply to businesses. She also reported that the check made out to Texana Outdoor Services for $500 has not cleared as of April 1. Since that was before her time as treasurer, she does not know who received the check and who to contact to pursue further.

Committee Assignments:

Bennie has assigned all, including the newest members, to committees.

Those wanting to carpool for the April field trip to Brookwood should gather at 9:30 AM at the church, but park unused vehicles in the grassy area across from the church as the museum is open that day. Members should be prepared to pay for their own meal at Brookwood.

Dixie explained that Margie O. sends cards to members who have missed a meeting or two and needs a copy of the attendance from the general meeting. Dixie will send meeting minutes to those who do not have email access.

Bennie reported on the fundraiser plans in Dale's absence. Dixie will take and distribute tickets for the June fundraiser on the Brookwood trip for those who have not yet received them. Dale will take flyers and tickets to the program she will be giving in April. Dixie will put up flyers at Ace Hardware. Vickie Henson will be contacting garden clubs in May with details and ticket information. Members need to be reminded that everyone should be encouraged to sell tickets, but it is not mandatory, and unsold tickets should be returned to the club.

Clean up and Set Up signup lists for the June 15 event need to be available at the May Plant Swap meeting. Fran and Mary need to coordinate with the winery regarding

tables, food, etc. Karen and Dixie will go to the Catholic Church to checkout the WiFi availability, password, and location of electrical outlets. Most fundraiser planning will need to take place following the Bluebonnet Festival.

A question was raised regarding the possibility of selling last year's photos at either the Bluebonnet Festival or the Fundraiser. It was decided to wait until June, and Dixie would contact Sandy Smith to see how many photos are available.

Another question was raised about the suggestion box and who oversees putting it out and sorting through suggestions. The board decided to forgo the box for the time being unless the club overall decides they would like to continue it.

Dixie would like to show announcements and future club events, deadlines, and other news rolling on the TV screen in the meeting room prior to regular meetings. Karen will work on a simple PowerPoint as a test.

Main St. Cleanup – Debi reported four ferns were planted at the bank, Dale and Dale adjusted the water reel, three flats of flowers were planted, and 16 members attended. The bluebonnets and larkspurs are blooming. Watering help is needed all of June, and May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Two to three people are needed each time. Debi would also like to paint the book library and asked who to contact. Apparently, it is owned by the historical society so she should inquire with them.

Bennie announced she will be retiring from the board next year so a new VP will be needed.

Debi shared that the July 4th committee has not yet met, but she is thinking of painted fence pickets around the edges of the float and butterfly costumes for the parade members. She will report more after the committee meets.

A suggestion was made that the Christmas party committee solicit donations from members for the raffle rather than approach area businesses.

Debi Faver motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 PM, Kay made the second and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware