Chappell Hill Garden Club

March 9, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened at 10:03. Present were 45 members, and one guest, Glennis Tolunay, who joined.

Quorum was established.

Refreshments were provided by Jana Lefebvre, Nikki Rooney, Jodi Rodriguez, Antoinette Simon and Jayne Hollywood.

A motion to approve the Feb. 9, 2022 minutes was made by Susan Baumann and seconded by Paula Barrett. The minutes were approved.

Dale Ramey presented the home tour scrapbook to Mary Armato, thanking her for having her home on the 2021 tour. Dale thanked Mandy Forbes for the beautiful job she did on the book.

Dale Ramey thanked Karen Kubeczka for all her help with the garden club, and Lynda Harrison for presiding at the February meeting.

Dale Ramey welcomed the club's newest members, Gail Braun, Maclyn and Douglas Jones, Fran Hunt, Joye LaBruyere, Woody Taylor and Scott Hillman.

Karen Kubeczka has updated the membership roster, which is available on the website. Copies of the roster were passed around for members to proof their personal information.

Dale Dugas reported on funeral service details for Beau Wann, husband of Diane Wann. Diane invites everyone in the club to come to Beau's celebration of life party at her home on Saturday, March 19.

Treasurer's Report Lynda Harrison reported the bank balances as of March 9, 2022 are $18,087 in the operating account and $12,913 in the savings account.
Lynda reminded members that receipts for reimbursement are due within five days. She encouraged members buying things for the club to use the club credit card.

Lynda will purchase a suggestion box to have at the meetings so members can make suggestions on how the club's money is spent, program ideas and any other thoughts. Lynda encouraged members to email board members with suggestions.

The club's two free sales tax days in 2022 are May 7 for the Garden Tour and Dec. 10 for the home tour.

Main Street Cleanup Debi Faver explained how the committee works. They meet on the first Wednesday of the month to work on the beds along Main Street. Debi passed around a sign-up sheet for watering on Main Street. The schedule is attached to the original minutes.

Refreshments Loyce Jardell passed around a sign-up sheet for 2022 refreshments and for sides to bring to the Plant Swap in May. The club will provide fried chicken.

Washington County EMS Volunteers Cathy McNurlen is in charge of coordinating volunteers for the Washington County EMS as needed. Representatives from EMS will meet with those interested in volunteering on Wednesday, March 16 from 10-11 am at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church.

Christmas Lights on Main Street The club currently spends $1,500 each year on a company that stores, sets up and takes down Christmas lights in Chappell Hill. The club would like to share that expense with others.

Dale Ramey will ask the merchants on Main Street to donate $100 each after the Bluebonnet Festival. She anticipates raising $1,000 to $1,200. The

club will donate $500 and the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce will be asked to donate $500.

Programs Jodi Rodriguez is assisting Shirley Rigamonti with the 2022 program schedule. In April, there will be a field trip to the Antique Rose Emporium. Shirley asked for a show of hands of those interested in going. Forty five members plan to attend.

The Plant Swap and Potluck will be May 11 at Cindy Blount's house. Members should bring a side dish and a plant for the exchange. In case of rain, the swap will be held at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church.

A field trip is planned in June to The John Fairey Garden in Hempstead.

The John Fairey Garden Budding Out Plant Sale and Festival will be on Saturday, March 19 from 10-4. The Round Top Herb and Plant Festival will be March 18-19.

Response to Complaints at the February Meeting In light of the complaints received at the February meeting, the board discussed ways to address the criticisms. Dale Ramey encouraged members to come to the board meetings to give their input on how club money is spent or other suggestions. The next board meeting is March 28 at 2 pm at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church.

Carol addressed the request for more fun activities. The board had several ideas, including members playing pickle ball or volleyball or going out to lunch. Carol will send emails to the club if someone organizes such an event.

Debbie Roberts suggested visiting member's gardens and volunteering to help in member's gardens. Jana Lefebvre recommended using an email system where members could send an email to one site and it would be distributed to all members. In this way, members could invite the club to see their garden or organize a get together, etc. Jana agreed to be in charge of this. Carol will give Jana the club email list.

Scholarships and Community Outreach The club is giving Texas Brigade $2,000, enabling four students to attend camp. Chappell Hill Bakery and Deli designated $500 of their sponsorship be used for Texas Brigade. The club is giving Washington County EMS $3,000; the Masons, $500 and the Chappell Hill Fire Department, $500.

Dale Ramey reminded members if they have ideas on where the club's money is spent to come to a board meeting.

Committees Bennie passed around a list of committees and their members. She asked members to review the list and let her know any mistakes. New members may wait to choose their committee until they learn more about the club. The list is attached to the original minutes.

Garden Tour The tour will be at Gold Heart Ranch on Saturday, May 7. Tickets cost $25 until May 1, and then will cost $30. The beautiful gardens will be available to tour and Halo House will be open. Texas Star Winery will offer wine tastings. Vendors, music, security and food will be available. The committee is looking for a beer vendor.

Members are not required to buy tickets or docent but are encouraged to sell tickets and docent. Bennie needs about 30 members to docent for two hour shifts. Members were asked to raise their hands if they would be willing to docent and about 35 members plan to docent.

Dale Ramey, Shirley Rigamonti, Loyce Jardell and Bennie Yates are on the Garden Tour committee. Shirley asked members to contact her with any suggestions for vendors.

Seed Library Debbie Roberts brought the seed library, which is available to members to take seeds. The list of seeds is available on the website. Debbie also reminded members that now's the time to clean out your birdhouses.

Membership Concerns Jana Lefebvre's family in the Czech Republic are only hours away from the war going on in Ukraine.

Program Carmen Smith from Trees of Central Texas gave an interesting talk about fruit trees. Handouts from the presentation are attached to the original minutes.

Bob Markos moved to adjourn; Cathy McNurlen seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:23.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley