Chappell Hill Garden Club Board Meeting

December 2, 2024

President Dixie Ford call the meeting to order at 1:57 at the Chappell Hill Methodist Church. Present were Kay Hanson-Clerc, Dale Ramey, Debi Faver, Bennnie Yates, Karen Kubeczka, Dixie Ford, and Janis Boulware. Quorum (min 4) was established. Dale moved to approve the board minutes from November 4, Bennie seconded, and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Kay reported all Bank Accounts total $63,627.65 with $290 in deferred dues and Home Tour ticket payments from new members. This prompted a discussion/ discrepancy in what was stated at the November meeting.

To clarify, Dale made a motion that if one joins in October through December, the payment should be $130 total for dues ($30) and tour tickets ($100), nonrefundable. That covers the next year's dues and Home Tour. Any tickets for the current year's tour must be purchased separately, and a ticket for the Christmas party should also be purchased separately (party tickets are not typically included in membership dues anyway). This is the way it is (partially) stated in the Standing Rules.

Kay then returned to the treasurer's report to remind the board that funds were still available in Community Outreach. Several options were mentioned including a donation to the church used for the fundraiser. St. Stanislaus declined the donation until 2025, so the board voted to send $250 to Animal Friends of Washington County. The remainder of the Outreach budget will be moved to 2025. Dixie will coordinate a photo opportunity for the donation.

Other budget items discussed:
-For the $767 currently left for plants, Debi said she would be buying 4 flats of bluebonnets for the Memory Garden and needs about $80 for new tools and a first aid kit.
-The need for a new flag set and to have the lights repaired. Dale D. was contacted to research the amounts before the budget meeting in January.
-The possibility of purchasing a new portable microphone and speaker.
-Payment to Methodist Church for room rental, $400 total, to pay quarterly if possible.
-Storage facility rent is going up in February.
-Fundraiser expenses: Printing of flyers exceeded budget by $16; security budget is $350 for the Home Tour, and $1500 budgeted for the Cocktail party. Sponsorships over $13,000 exceeded the budgeted amount of $12,000. (all amounts subject to receiving the final bills)

Main St.: Debi reported that the crew will not meet on January 1 so currently no cleanup required. The next event is December 4 for working on the Memory Garden and weeding at 9 AM.

Home Tour: Dale and Bennie reported all is ready for the tour. Bags for homeowners with nametags for the homeowner and spouse will be delivered Friday night at the Masonic Lodge. Tom and Gary will put out signs.

Christmas Party: Debi reported all is set. Janis will include reminders about the gift swap and donation gifts to bring in the next email. Dress is Christmas Casual.

Dixie reported most, if not all, of the committee chairs would be returning for another year and the programs were set. She requested that chairs send in their committee reports by end of year in time for the budget meeting. A discussion then ensued about meeting dates for 2025 with adjustments as needed for holidays and festivals. It was decided the next board meeting will be January 6 at 10 AM (new time), the Budget Meeting on January 13 at 10 AM, and the general meeting on January 15 at 10 AM. The April general meeting date is moved to April 16 (Bluebonnet Festival) and the October date is moved to the 15th (Scarecrow Festival). She requested that Janis send her attendance records for 2024.

Kay made the motion to adjourn at 11:38, seconded by Dale, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware