Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

July 31, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:00. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Karen Kubeczka, Dixie Ford, Lynda Harrison, Debi Faver, and Shirley Rigamonti.

Quorum was established.

Bennie moved that the July 3 board minutes be approved. Karen seconded the motion, which passed.

Financial Report Kay is finalizing bank statements into Quick Books. The transition is going well.

The balance in the bank on 7/31/23 was $6,961.89. The club also has a $20,000 CD which will mature 1/13/24 and is accruing approximately $400 in interest.

Karen submitted an invoice for her work to date of $121.05. Dale thanked her for all her hard work and also for helping organize home tour and Christmas sponsors on her computer.

Lynda reminded the board that members can always go to the website for detailed financial information. Also, Committee Chairs must keep track of their budgets.

Home Tour Dale Ramey reported all six homes interested in being on the home tour are confirmed. Dale passed around letters to home owners thanking them for being on the tour and outlining the Friday evening tour/ logistics with club members and all home owners. Karen will start working on the map; the locations are quite spread out. After the map is completed, Gary and Tom will need to drive the route to determine how many signs will be needed.

Dale will talk with Virginia Sevier and encourage her to emphasize the black history of her restored church, now their home which is on the tour.

After some discussion, Bennie moved that any home owner on the Christmas home tour not be allowed to sell any products. Debi seconded and the motion was approved.

Karen designed a beautiful flyer and members will need to help distribute. The tickets are printed and ready for pickup by Bennie so she can start numbering them.

The Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce will pay for advertising in the Heights newspaper. Dale also plans to advertise in the Brenham Banner-Press, The Leader, Cypress, Katy, Bryan/College Station and the local radio station.

Cocktail Party Janice Williams and Dale looked into Hempstead Event Café as a possibility to cater the cocktail party but they may have a conflict. Dale will check with Pam Hall to see if her daughter, Stephanie, is interested in catering. Dale will check Glennis Tolunay's kitchen if sufficient for cocktail party to be held there. Janice and Bennie will work on set-up and clean-up committees for the cocktail party.

Sponsorship This year letters will be mailed to sponsors to bill them in hopes of making money collection easier. The deadline is November 30 to pay for sponsorship. Dale has $8,475 confirmed and about $2,500 pending. Dixie has approached numerous individuals and businesses and has several committed. The Community Through Support Fund Raising Efforts and Sponsorship Levels can be found on the website for anyone needing to talk to potential sponsors.

Sponsorship Levels: Platinum, $1,000 or above--full page ad;
Gold, $500—a half page ad; Silver, $250 and Bronze, $125 will both be listed under Sponsor List in the brochure.

Home Tour Contest Twyla is considering wreaths and they will not be required to be a Christmas wreath. The Masonic Lodge will be used again for the contest and the Rug Hookers.

Scholarship Lynda reported all scholarship money has been paid. Several thank you notes have been received and will be read at the next meeting. The board discussed the importance of scholarships and how this is a big attraction for some of our sponsors. The goal is to try to increase the scholarship money in the future.

Programs The Texas Brigade and students will present at the August 2 meeting. Shirley suggested we have a check presentation to the Brigade and photo by the Banner Press. Faye Beery will give a presentation about plumerias.

The board discussed if a program speaker is promoting their business and selling products, the club should get a percentage of sales. This needs to be conveyed to the Program Chairman, Sandy Smith.

Main Street Cleanup The next cleanup is Wednesday, August 2. Debi and Karen dug up the daffodils that will be replanted throughout the community. Twyla will plant a flat of flowers in front of the church; gardenias have been added.
Debi showed the packaged bluebonnet seeds in small envelopes the club will sell at the Scarecrow Festival and at the home tour in the lodge.

Watering on Main Street Debi will pass around a sign-up sheet for watering for September and October. The timer at Bever's has stopped working so that will need to be watered with the garden hose.

Storage Building Debi checked and no larger storage units are available. The club could have an additional unit, same size as current one (8 x 10) for $50. Dale will check at another storage facility.

Elections Club elections will be held in October. Dale will remain on the board after stepping down as President. Shirley is considering stepping down from the board. Club members should consider running for a board position.

Other Dale mentioned if anyone would like to attend the Texas Brigade banquet on Thursday, August 3, to let her know. She and Bennie plan to attend.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Rigamonti