Chappell Hill Garden Club General Meeting

July 10, 2024

President Dixie Ford called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall of Chappell Hill Methodist Church. She welcomed all, then gave a prayer, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. A quorum was established with 30 members present and one guest.

Shirley Rigamonte introduced the scholarship recipients in attendance. Each one was asked to share their name as well as their scholastic path and goals. A group photo was then taken with a large check to submit to the paper.

Dixie thanked the refreshment committee for their labors: Vicki Henson, Betty Demara, Angela Rutland, Rita Saulsbery and Karen K.

Minutes: Dixie asked for approval of the Minutes from the June 12 meeting. Dale D. made a motion to accept, and Gere made the second. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kay reported a bank balance of $17,762.27 as of June 30, and CDs totaling $31,308 for Asset Total of $49,035. The Second Fundraiser on June 15 was budgeted to bring in $3,750 but actually brought in $3,319, reaching 89% of the goal and considered a success.

Revenues to date are $13,424. (Tour tickets $4,030, FR $3,425, Donations $3,580, Dues $1,590, Interest $588). Expenses total $17,194 (Scholarships $12,000; Beautification $1,310, Community Outreach/Board expense $1,187, Tour $481, Storage $699, Other $1,517) for a Net Loss of $3,770. Future expenses planned, but not yet spent, total $10,000 so to break even for the budget the club needs $14,000 in Home Tour Ticket Sales.

Committee Reports:

- Dale R. gave a recap of the June 15 event, complimenting the booths in attendance and the approximately 75 attendees.
- Debi reported the club won third place in the July 4th parade for a prize of $100.
- Dale said she will begin soliciting sponsors for the Home Tour. She would like all members to know what to tell potential donors as to why they should sponsor the club and where the money goes.
- Debi announced all the weeding and Main St. Cleanup was done in time for the parade. The next cleanup date will be August 7 at 8 AM. Watering help is still needed for August.
- Kathryn asked for seeds for the Seed Library and said this is the time to plant zinnias, cosmos, and the second round of tomatoes.

Jodi introduced Carmen Smith, owner of Jo's Nursery in Caldwell, to speak on Trees and Landscaping. Carmen said she asked her suppliers to summarize what has lived through the

recent freezes and droughts and developed a list of Hardy Trees for Texas which she provided. She discussed various trees, gave ideas for creating beautiful landscapes (with the use of hardscapes, interesting shapes, colors, and textures, and advised members to have fun with their landscaping plans.

Following the presentation, Dale D. made the motion to adjourn with Tom providing the second. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM. Lunch followed in the same location.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware