

Chappell Hill Garden Club General Meeting

June 11, 2025

President Dixie Ford called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM in Chappell Hill Methodist Church. She welcomed all and then presented a prayer and led the group in the pledge. A quorum was established with 25 members present and one guest, Dianne Arriga, who joined later in the meeting. The minutes of the May 14 meeting were approved.

Dixie thanked the lunch group: Margie O, Debi, Sonjia, Michelle, and Dale R. for the Hawaiian themed spread. She reported that the mother of former member Kim Pope had recently passed away for those who might want to send a card.

Lexa O. introduced the speaker, Gerald Dupont, a master gardener from the Bluebonnet Chapter. He is a trained petroleum and chemical engineer who used his engineering expertise to design and build watering systems for his garden. He emphasized the importance of watering less often but more deeply each session. He likes drip tape with small emitters running down the length of the beds.

Treasurer's Report: Kay reported \$54,206 in Total Assets with YTD Revenue of \$6,000. YTD Expenses of \$12,500 for Scholarships/TX Brigades; \$2,191 for Community Outreach; \$1,697 for Flag maintenance; \$1,202 for Main St.; \$636 for Home Tour book, yard repairs, signage; and \$680 for Rent. YTD Net Loss (\$13,817).

Dixie read a note received from Joel Romo with an article he had submitted about the economic benefits of non-profits that highlighted Chappell Hill Garden Club. The article appeared in the Washington County Economic Council brochure.

4th of July Parade: The parade committee requested artificial poinsettia sprigs or plants to decorate the float. Everyone is invited to walk with the club in the parade that begins at 10 AM. Join the float in front of the church about 9 AM or meet at Poplar and Main to walk with the club. Next year will be the 250th BDay of the USA!

Main St.: Debi reported that she, Dale, Kathy, and Mary had planted red/white/blue flowers at the memory garden and that the post office needs lots of weeds pulled. June 17 at 8 AM is the next workday. Debi also reported that Tony Armato rebuilt the post office bird house, and it looks great!

Fundraiser: Kay explained the committee's plan is to send out sponsorship request letters mid-August and include the club's mission statement with highlights of the club's activities.

Sonjia welcomed the new member and presented her with a gardener's welcome gift. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded, and all in favor. Lunch followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware