**Chappell Hill Garden Club**

**June 14, 2023**

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer by Dixie Ford at 10:02. Dale Dugas led the pledge of allegiance. Present were 39 members, including Pam Hall, who joined at the meeting. Speaker Delena Tull brought four visitors: Laura Tull, Amber Leung and her daughter, Valerie, and Betsy Kemper.

Bennie Yates and Dixie Ford presided over the meeting in Dale Ramey's absence due to health issues.

Quorum was established.

Sandy Smith made a motion to approve the April 12, 2023 minutes. Kay Hanson-Clerc seconded, and the minutes were approved. There were no minutes in May because of the Anniversary Party.

**Treasurer's Report** The bank balance was $15,137.07 as of 6/14/23. The club also has a $20,000 CD which will mature 1/13/24 and is drawing 4% interest. Lynda Harrison reminded members that budgeted expenses for 2023 are $35,541.

No financial reports are available for 2023 because Lynda Harrison and Kay Hanson-Clerc are transferring financial information to Quick Books.

The club received a $2,688.15 donation from Lana McDaniels and Shannon Webb from the Bluebonnet Festival beer sales. A note was read from Lana and Shannon thanking the garden club for sponsoring the beer booth and making our community a great place to live.

The club will send a thank you card to Lana and Shannon.

The club made a $2,000 donation to Texas Brigade.

Lynda Harrison reminded members to put receipts for purchases made for the club in garden club envelopes and give them to Lynda or Kay Hanson-Clerc. Members using the club debit card should return the card with the receipts.

Members were encouraged to pay for their home tour tickets early.

**Fifteenth Anniversary Party** Cathy McNurlen presented a 15-year membership certificate to Sally English, who couldn't attend the party. Sally, Dale Ramey and Tom Yates were members in 2008, the year the club was founded. Cathy thanked Jere Hill for the beautiful certificates given to the members at the party.

Cathy thanked the committee for all their hard work: Fran Hunt, Debi Faver, Dale Dugas, Kathi Kleiner and Mary Armato. Cathy thanked Janice and George Williams, Mary and Tony Armato, Tom Yates, Woody Taylor and Twyla Kingsley for help setting up and taking down the tables. Cathy thanked the many who helped clean up after the party.

The club thanked Cathy for a wonderful party.

Garden Club bags were given to everyone who attended the party. Additional bags were available to new members and those who weren't at the party.

**Fourth of July Parade Entry** Sonjia Biddle is in charge of the club's entry in the Chappell Hill Fourth of July Parade. Sonjia has many good ideas and needs many workers. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers. Sonjia will schedule work sessions and had projects ready to go home with volunteers after the meeting.

**Refreshments** Dixie Ford reminded members that everyone is required to bring refreshments once a year. They are responsible for getting together with other volunteers and organizing what to bring. If someone cannot help, they must let the group know and find a replacement.

The Refreshment Schedule for July-November 2024 was presented, and volunteers found for the empty slots.

**Art Walk** The photo contest was popular at the Art Walk. Sandy Smith plans to do it again next year. Sandy announced the winners, judged by a professional artist. Mary Humphries won first place; Karen Kubeczka, second place; Dixie Ford, third place; and Paula Matthews, honorable mention.

Nineteen members entered the contest, submitting one to three photos. The best of each members' photos was printed and displayed at the Art Walk. Sandy passed around the nineteen best photos. Copies of the photos were available for sale.

**Programs** Vicki Henson will talk about Monarch butterflies at the July meeting.

**Home Tour** Dale Ramey has five homes interested in being on the home tour. She is looking for one additional home. Anyone who knows of a home for the tour should contact Dale Ramey.

Janice Williams volunteered to chair the Friday Night Cocktail Party. Dixie Ford thanked Janice for chairing the committee.

**Main Street Cleanup** The next cleanup will be on July 5 when we will be mulching, feeding, tweaking and taking down Fourth of July decorations. Debi Faver thanked the eighteen members who were at the June cleanup.

On Monday, June 19, members should meet at the Post Office on Main Street at 9 am to decorate for the Fourth of July.

Bluebonnet seeds were saved from the bluebonnets on Main Street. The seeds will be packaged and sold at the Scarecrow Festival.

On Thursday, July 15, daffodils will be dug up and replanted in the beds by Cotton Pickin's on Main Street. Volunteers who work may take some bulbs home.

**Watering on Main Street** Debi Faver passed around a sign-up for watering from July through October. Debi offered to train anyone who requests it.

**Seed Library** Debra Salcedo encouraged members to save seeds and bring them to her for the seed library. The library is available to members to take seeds at each meeting. A list of available seeds is on the website.

**Secretary** Dixie Ford read a note from Dale Ramey thanking Carol Madeley for her help as secretary.

**Suggestion Box** There were no suggestions in the box. Members were encouraged to put their suggestions in the box.

Debi Faver moved to adjourn; Shirley Rigamonti seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:52.

After the meeting, lunch was provided by Vicki Henson, Paula Barrett, Sonjia Biddle and Bob Markos.

Sandy Smith introduced Delena Hull who gave a presentation on edible and useful plants. Due to technical difficulties, she was not able to show the slides she brought, but Karen Kubeczka will put them on the website.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley