Chappell Hill Garden Club General Meeting

March 13, 2024

President Dixie Ford called the meeting to order at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall of Chappell Hill Methodist Church. She presented a prayer and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests Linda Oberhoff and Marla Casada from Washington VFD were introduced as well as speaker Marie Jenkins. Doryne "Dee" Brummond joined. A quorum was established with twenty-eight (28) members present.

Dixie thanked the refreshment providers: Fran Hunt, Cathy McNurlen, Glennis Tolunay, and Dixie Ford. She then presented the donation of snacks and tarps from the club to Washington VFD. The volunteers thanked the club and shared that whatever is donated to one VFD is used by others when the need arises.

Minutes: Debi Faver made a motion to approve the February 14 minutes previously emailed to the members, Fran Hunt seconded, and all voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Cash Balance of $21,451.13 as of March 12, two CDs of $20,838 and $10,025 each for total in Bank Accounts of $52,262. Year to Date Revenue of $2,440, Expenses of $1,116, leaving a YTD Net Revenue of $1,288.

As per the March budget, $2000 was sent as a donation to the Texas Brigade.

Kay also reported the financial guidelines have been updated on the website and the Salex Tax Exemption form has also been updated and is available on the website. 2024 Memberships which were due on February 14 have been received and deposited for all 2024 current members.

Committee Reports:

Dixie handed out committee folders to the various chairs. A listing of committee members assigned to each committee was made available on each table.

Fundraiser: Dale reported that flyers are available for the June 15 event. Bennie handed out an envelope with five tickets to each member to be sold. Sponsorships will be sold for $50 each and the goal is to have 150 attendees. Tickets are available on the website at $25 and will increase to $30 as of June 1. Justin Duncan will speak on medicinal plants and Nick Hempel will discuss trees. Dale will advertise through radio, paper, and the Heights magazine. Vickie Henson will notify surrounding garden clubs with flyers and an invitation to attend. Dale will also spread the word at the Dell Webb community in April.

Main Street Cleanup: Debi reported three flats of flowers were planted, potting soil was added, but the dead ferns at the bank need to be replaced. She then awarded name tag charms to the volunteers.

IT: Karen requested that she be contacted with any questions about accessing the website or the members' section.

Programs: Mary Smith announced the April 10 meeting will be at 11 at Brookwood. Lunch on your own at 11 followed by tours and shopping. Carpooling from the Methodist Church in Chappell Hill.

Seed Library: Kathryn requests LOTS of seeds and says she will even pick them up if you contact her. kathryn@TexasHeritage.net

Marie Jenkins, GM of Rose Emporium, described her professional experience and how she came to the Emporium. She reports that April is the prettiest time there with its eight acre display garden, Byzantine gladiolas, and poppies. To grow roses successfully, she emphasized that soil prep is the key factor, along with 6+ hours of direct sun. Good airflow is needed, like in raised beds, as well as good compost and organic materials. Use only hardwood mulch (not pine and not dyed) or cypress. Water with a deep soaking every 7-10 days and let the bed dry out in between. Do not water daily in the hot summer. She recommends using Spinosad and neem oil for pests, Microlife products, and to prune twice a year and then fertilize. She also reminded growers that roses need the cold.

Bennie presented the raffle prize of a pot and plant to winner Vickie Henson.

Dale Dugas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Diane Wann, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:26.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware