Chappell Hill Garden Club

August 10, 2022

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer by Paula Barrett at 10:05. Texas Brigade cadets led the pledge of allegiance. Present were 34 members, including Kay Hanson-Clerc, our newest member.

Quorum was established.

Refreshments were provided by Susan Baumann, Sally English, Paula Barrett and Sonjia Biddle.

Dale Ramey reported that progress is being made on the Chappell Hill Water System. Mandy Forbes announced that a meeting will be held for Chappell Hill residents Monday, August 15 at 6 pm at the Chappell Hill RV Resort. Texas representative Kyle Kacal has become involved in the project.

Susan Baumann made a motion to approve the July 13 minutes. Twyla Kingsley seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Suggestion Box Dale Ramey encouraged members to put their ideas and recommendations in the suggestion box.

Donation to the Fire Disaster Team With board approval, Dale Ramey and Dale Dugas went to Walmart to buy supplies to donate to the firemen battling the Somerville fire. The manager at Walmart was very generous and donated 20 cases of water and a $90 gift certificate. Dale Ramey and Dale Dugas took two carloads of donations to the Brenham Fire Department.

Home Tour Tickets Bennie Yates collected money from members for their home tour tickets. Members can purchase tickets at the meeting in September or go to The Bluebonnet House to pay for tickets. Members are required to buy $100 of tickets to either sell or give away. Members get the

first five tickets for $100, which is a discount. The public will pay $25 per ticket.

Program Celeste Dickschat and Texas Brigades cadets gave a presentation about their organization. The youth wildlife leadership development program offers 5-day camps. The club donated $2,000 to Texas Brigades in 2022, enabling four cadets to attend camp. Celeste and the cadets expressed their gratitude to the club.

Home Tour Contest Twyla Kingsley announced that the contest this year will be porch signs. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those interested in participating.

Scholarships A meeting of the scholarship committee will be held Wednesday, August 17 at 2 pm at The Bluebonnet House. Libby Beckenbaugh will chair the committee for the rest of this year and in 2023. The committee will establish a set of guidelines for choosing recipients and reporting recommendations to the board. In 2022, the club will give $14,000 in scholarships.

Membership Dale Ramey took a gift from the club, a Texas onesie, to Nikki Rooney's baby, Nolan Mack.

Corresponding Secretary Kim Pope reported she has sent out many thank you notes from the club to everyone who helped with the Garden Party. Kim requested help from her committee to work on cards this month.

Donation to Washington County EMS The club's $3,000 donation will be presented at the Washington County Commissioners Court in the next 30-60 days. Club members are welcome to attend. Shirley Rigamonti will arrange the date. When it's scheduled, Carol Madeley will send an email inviting members to attend.

Treasurer's Report There was no report while Lynda Harrison is out of town. Dale Ramey reminded members that receipts or at least notice by email or text are due to Lynda within three days of purchases for the club.

Christmas Party The club is paying for the party this year in appreciation to the members. Anyone who already paid for the party will have the money applied to home tour ticket sales. The party will be held at the Brenham Country Club on Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 10-3. RSVPs are due by October 1. Paula Barrett passed around a sheet for RSVPs. Paula reminded the member who received the gnome last year to bring it to the party, with a description of what the gnome has been up to this year. Members bring a wrapped gift to exchange. Gifts should be something you would like to take home.

Christmas Lights on Main Street The club will pay $500 for Christmas lights on Main Street in 2022. In the past, the club paid $1,500 a year for lights. This year, the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce will donate $500 and businesses on Main Street will contribute also.

Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration Cathy McNurlen will be the committee chair for the celebration. Tentatively, the celebration will be held at Gold Heart Ranch in May in lieu of the plant swap. Members interested in being on the committee should contact Cathy.

Cocktail Party On Friday, December 9 after the pre-home tour for docents, homeowners and large donors, a cocktail party will be held at Mandy Forbes' home. Loyce Jardell is working on the catering with Connie Wilder. Loyce asked for volunteers to help with set up. If interested, please contact Loyce.

Home Tour Six homes are on the 2022 Home Tour. Three are on Main Street, Chappell Hill, one is in Woodland Farms and two are in Doe Run.

Dale Ramey had Save the Date fliers available for members to distribute.

Home Tour Sponsorship The board will go to Chapelton Vineyards to solicit their sponsorship. Dale Ramey is also working on a presentation to Chappell Hill RV Resort.

Elections Members were encouraged to consider running for a board position. Members can put their name in the suggestion box or talk to a board member.

Programs In September, Wallie Watkins from John Fairy Gardens will discuss attractive, ornamental, drought tolerant plants. Sandy Smith will be the program chair in 2023.

Refreshments Virginia Malinowski will be chair in 2023. Dale Ramey thanked Bennie Yates for coming early to every meeting to open the church and help with set up.

Watering on Main Street Debi Faver has a schedule for watering on Main Street in August, September, and October. If anyone is interested in helping, contact Debi.

Main Street Cleanup Debi Faver reported she replaced the watering timer at the post office. The next Cleanup will be on Wednesday, August 24 at 8 am.

Community Event An eight-week Biblical Citizenship class is being offered, starting Thursday, August 25 from 6:30-8:30 at the Texas Heritage Event Center, 15474 FM 1155 E. The cost is $25 and includes a book. The Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution will be discussed in depth. If interested, register at The Bluebonnet House.

Donation to Tomball High School Garden Club Cynthia Clayton of Gold Heart Ranch requested the club make a donation from the proceeds of the Garden Party to the Tomball High School Garden Club. Two thousand dollars will be donated when proof of 501(c)(3) status of the club is obtained.

Seed Library Debbie Roberts is stepping down as chair of the seed library. Debra Salcedo will chair the committee. Members were encouraged to save seed and give it to Debra for the library.

Memory Garden Debbie Roberts is stepping down as chair of the Memory Garden. A chair is needed. If interested, contact Debbie Roberts or Dale Ramey.

Raffle Paula Barrett was the lucky winner of the raffle prize.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14.

Cathy McNurlen moved to adjourn; Fran Hunt seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley