Chappell Hill Garden Club

November 8, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened at 10:00. Present were 44 members. Quorum was established.

Minutes Cathy McNurlen made a motion to approve the September 13, 2023, minutes. Twyla Kingsley seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Refreshments Tina Hart, Kathryn van der Pol, Cheryl Robinson, Jodi Rodriguez, Kay Hanson-Clerc and Libby Beckenbaugh provided refreshments.

Dale Ramey thanked Fran Hunt for chairing the 2024 Refreshment Committee. Fran passed around a sign-up sheet for January refreshments.

Programs Dale Ramey thanked Mary Smith and Lexa Oelze for co-chairing 2024 Programs. If members have ideas for programs, contact Mary or Lexa.

Membership 2024 applications and $30 dues were accepted.

Elections Due to the field trip in October, elections were held in November. Nine board positions were available. The following people were on the ballot and were elected by the membership: Janis Boulware, Debi Faver, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Dixie Ford, Lynda Harrison, Karen Kubeczka, Dale Ramey, and Bennie Yates.

The new board takes office in January, when they will elect officers.

Home Tour Six locations are on the tour. Dale Ramey encouraged members to sell tickets. The price goes up from $25 to $30 on Dec. 1.

Flyers were available for members to take to distribute. Dale Ramey encouraged members to take them to businesses to post.

Home Tour Sponsorship Dale Ramey reported she is close to collecting $12,000 in sponsorships. Dale thanked Virginia Sevier for her help.

Karen Kubeczka is producing the program this year. Dale Ramey thanked Karen for her help.

Docents Bennie Yates passed out docent assignments. Every location will have a list of docents and their phone numbers. Docents work either from 9:30-1:30 or 1:15-5:00. Docents should introduce themselves to the homeowner and ask what they would like you to do and where they want you to be.

Bennie will leave a small bag and hole punch at each home on the night of the pre-tour, December 8. Tickets should be punched as visitors arrive. Starred docents on the list are ticket takers. Tickets should be collected when all the holes have been punched or after 4:30.

If a docent has a problem, please text Bennie Yates at 979-337-1200 or call Cathy McNurlen at 713-204-4093.

Docents are allowed to use the restrooms, but visitors may not. This is noted on the map. Homeowners should be asked what to do in case of emergency and their wishes should be followed. Docents should bring their own water.

Homeowner Brunch Mary Humphries is organizing a brunch for all the homeowners to meet each other.

Pre-tour Cocktail Party Connie Wilder will cater the party at Glennis Tolunay's house on Friday, Dec. 8 after the pre-tour. Janice Williams needs a headcount by Dec. 1. A sign-up sheet was passed around to RSVP. Those who were not at the meeting should text Janice at 281-731-6691 to RSVP by Dec. 1.

Members should meet at the Masonic Lodge at 4:00 pm Friday, Dec. 8 to carpool to the homes.

Janice requested help with set up the party. Virginia Malinowski and Katherine Pullins volunteered to help.

Home Tour Contest Twyla Kingsley reported that four teams have signed up for the contest. She passed around a sign-up sheet for more participation. Members were encouraged to take part in the contest, which is a good way to get to know other members. This year, green and grapevine wreaths will be decorated. The wreaths don't have to be Christmas themed. The wreaths will be displayed at the Masonic Lodge and home tour visitors will vote on the best wreath. The wreaths will be sold by silent auction. Wreaths should be taken to the Masonic Lodge from 1-3 on Friday, Dec. 8.

The teams are attached to the original minutes and will be attached to the minutes email. Contact Twyla Kingsley at 832-785-7275 with any questions.

Spring Fundraiser Dale Ramey is working on the spring fundraiser. Justin Duncan will speak. Tickets will cost $25. Dale is working with St. Stanislaus Catholic Church to host the event. The church needs the club's proof of insurance to be approved by the diocese. This will probably not be done by the original date for the fundraiser of Feb. 24. Dale will report more on the event at the January meeting.

Financial Report As of Oct. 31, 2023, the balance in the bank was $37,505.92 and home tour income was $14,081. Through October, the net loss was $2,673.50.

Budgets are due from committee chairs by Dec. 15. Budgets should be emailed to Lynda Harrison or Kay Hanson-Clerc. The board will approve the budget on January 15 and present it to members at the meeting Jan. 17. Members will vote on the budget at the February meeting.

Suggestion Box There were three suggestions made by members.

One, organize coffees with new members and a seasoned member. This is a good suggestion and members should organize their own coffees. A good way to achieve this would be to participate in the home tour decorating contest.

Two, new members need to read and understand the rules. At the January meeting, important rules will be highlighted. All members have access to the rules on the website.

Three, "It is so refreshing to see so many members! It is great to be a part of this group."

Christmas Party The party will be at Lillian Farms on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 11 to 3. Members should bring a nice, wrapped gift for the gift exchange. Optional additional NEW unwrapped gifts for nursing homes will be collected. Suggestions include gloves, scarves, lap blankets, hats, coloring books, colored pencils, crayons, word searches, fuzzy socks, toiletries, house shoes, lotion, and lip balm.

Dale Ramey thanked Paula Barrett for many years of fabulous Christmas parties. Paula introduced and thanked her committee members: Debi Faver, Dixie Ford, Angela Rutland, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Lexa Oelze, Joye LaBruyere, Vicki Henson, Cathy McNurlen and Helon Loep.

Dale Ramey thanked the club for allowing her to be president for fifteen years and said Dixie Ford will do a wonderful job as president next year.

Cheryl Robinson gave the prayer before lunch was served.

Kay Hanson-Clerc moved to adjourn; Katherine Pullins seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:56.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Madeley