Chappell Hill Garden Club Board Meeting

April 29, 2024

President Dixie Ford call the meeting to order at 2:03 PM in the Anderson House across the street from Chappell Hill Methodist Church. Present were Bennie Yates, Debi Faver, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Dale Ramey, Janis Boulware, and Karen Kubeczka. Quorum (min 4) was established.

Bennie moved that the board minutes from April 1 be approved, Kay seconded, and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report- Kay announced a balance of $22,674.81 in cash and two CDs for a total bank account balance of $53,773.16. She also reported $3,580 had been received in donations, of which $3,080 was donated from beer sales at the festival. Home Tour ticket sales are $730, $123 in seed sales, for a Total Income of $6760 and Net Revenue of $2519. Regarding the uncashed check to Texana, apparently Carol's Ice House collects the holiday lighting checks from businesses along Main St. for Texana, and Carol's still has all the checks waiting for Texana to pick them up.

New Business:

1. Scholarships - Dixie reported on an email she received from Shirley stating that $12,000 in scholarships were recommended. Dixie will coordinate with Shirley about a time and place to present an oversized check to the students. Dale made a motion to approve the committee recommendations for the scholarship recipients, Kay made the second, and all voted to approve.
2. There are currently 46 members in the club.
3. Fran and Mary are working with their committees on the May plant swap. Chicken will be picked up at 10 AM from the Brenham Brookshire Brothers grocery store. The meeting will take place on the covered deck at Texas Star Winery and members are to bring a wrapped or unwrapped piece of yard art or a plant that you would like to have in your own yard, but not necessarily something from your current yard. It was suggested that Mary talk to Debi about the procedures for the swap and getting numbers for the game.
4. June 15 Fundraiser – Dale has confirmed with both speakers. The date and information have been provided to the Chamber calendar, mentioned in Dale's newspaper article, and on flyers posted in Brenham and Navasota. Set up and Cleanup signup sheets will be passed at the May meeting. Dixie and Karen will test Square devices in the church building and look for electrical outlets. Table covers will be needed. Bennie will head up refreshments of cookies, tea, water and ask members for help with this. Bennie will work with Gere to have sticky name tags there. Fran will get napkins and paper goods from storage. Dale will get a handout from Justin. Dale then indicated it is too much work to do a second fundraiser and would not like to do another.
5. Dale mentioned that Steve, the president of the Historical Society, had approached her about the club beautifying the flower beds near the gas stations at Hwy 290. He asked if the CHGC would do the work if they found the money to pay for it. A discussion ensued about the HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) grants in the county and what the club could do.

Janis offered to submit a grant request for this round, but the deadline is fast approaching, and more information would be required for the submittal. Dale indicated she and Dixie would meet with Chamber and Historical Society members and interested community members to discuss options.

6. A question about club publicity was raised, and Karen said she would send a photo of the VFD to Janis to submit to the paper. Dale offered to provide Keith's contact to Janis.
7. July 4th Parade – Debie and Cathy McNurlen are working on the float decorations and ideas. Main St. clean up scheduled for May 1 for planting red, white and blue color. Bluebonnets are ready to be pulled and seeds gathered.
8. Christmas Party – Debi is hoping to have the committee meet next week to begin planning.
9. Karen showed an example of what she can put on the tv screens during meetings to provide additional information, reminders, and upcoming events.

Kay made a motion to adjourn at 3:50 PM, Debi seconded, and all were in favor.
Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware