Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

February 6, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:02. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Debi Faver, Dixie Ford, Lynda Harrison, and Carol Madeley.

Quorum was established.

Debi moved that the Jan. 9 board minutes be approved. Bennie seconded the motion, which passed.

Bennie moved that the Jan. 16 budget minutes be approved. Dixie seconded the motion, which passed.

2023 Budget Lynda has not received any comments or questions from any members about the budget. Members will vote on the budget at the Feb. 8 meeting.

Helen Yeakley Dale Ramey received a phone call from Helen Yeakley, a former club member who was the club historian. Helen had been mistakenly taken off the list of honorary members. She will be added to the list.

Helen graciously sent Dale a book about the history of the club.

Carol moved that the club send Helen flowers for Valentine's Day costing up to $75 in appreciation. Bennie seconded the motion, which passed. Dale Ramey will send the flowers.

Home Tour Dale Ramey asked Mandy Forbes if she wanted to be on the home tour in 2023. Mandy couldn't decide so her home will not to be on the tour.

Mandy Forbes is producing the 2022 home tour books given to homeowners in appreciation for being on the tour. The books should be ready soon.

Janis Boulware volunteered to create the books for the 2023 homeowners.

Dale Ramey had a meeting with Paula Matthews and Mary Humphries about sponsorship for the 2023 home tour.

Home Tour save the date flyers will be available at the Spring Fundraiser. Information about the home tour and the spring fundraiser will be included in bags handed out at the Chappell Hill Wine Stroll Feb. 11.

The Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce will be asked to decorate the tree at the Memory Garden and Bluebonnet Electric will be asked to put lights on the tree at Christmas.

Dale Ramey will investigate the club getting H.O.T. Grant money for advertising the home tour.

Bennie will have docent training at 9 am before the November meeting, Nov. 8.

Appreciation Gifts for Retiring Board Members Bennie moved that instead of a gift, retiring board members will be sent a card or letter of appreciation by the corresponding secretary. Dixie seconded the motion, which passed. Dale Ramey will ask Kim Pope to send a card to Loyce Jardell.

Programs At the February meeting, T.J. Jones will give a presentation on taking nature photography with cell phones.

In March, there will be a field trip to Bee Weavers with lunch at Martha's Bloomers. Sandy Smith will bring a menu to the February meeting. Those wanting to go on the field trip will need to pay $15 in advance for lunch. The club will cover the cost of the Bee Weavers tour. Carol will send a meeting email early, asking members who weren't at the February meeting to RSVP and choose and pay for their lunch. The club must pay for the lunches in advance so it's important that those who RSVP, pay for their lunch.

In April, Dr. Robert Puckett will talk about bugs.

Speakers should be limited to 45 minutes. Sandy Smith will let the speakers know the time limit.

There was discussion about charging a $5 fee for visitors at meetings when there is a speaker. If the visitor joins the club, the fee will be waived. Collecting the fee is problematic. The club will try to collect the fee from visitors. However, the club will not advertise the fee to try and limit the number of visitors who come just for the speaker.

Spring Fundraiser A fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 25 at First Baptist Church from 10-1. Margie Painter will talk about monarch butterflies, and Zack Stayton will discuss pollination, native plants and bees. Dale Ramey brought flyers for the event which will be available for distribution at the February meeting. Members will be asked to distribute them to different communities. Carol will make a list of those who volunteer to distribute the flyers.

Fifteenth Anniversary Party Cathy McNurlen and her committee have been working hard on the party, which will be held in May at Gold Heart Ranch. There was discussion about creating a book about the party for the club. Members who want a copy may purchase one.

Scholarship Lynda sent the 2020, 2021 and 2022 scholarship recipients to the scholarship committee. Chair Libby Beckenbaugh called during the board meeting and the board reviewed her draft letter to the 2022 recipients, reminding them to submit their applications and supporting documentation by May 1.

Twelve thousand dollars in scholarships have been budgeted for 2023. Two thousand dollars has been earmarked for Texas Brigade and two thousand dollars, for Tomball Memorial High School Garden Club. This leaves $8,000 available for other scholarships.

Drop Box Lynda suggested the club have a drop box to keep all documents in one place. The board and committee chairs will have access to the drop box. Two gigabytes of storage are available for free. Karen set up an account with the first name, Chappell Hill, and the second name, Garden Club. Master documents like scholarship applications, financial records, resource book, membership roster, letters used for the home tour, etc. will be put in the drop box. Folders will be created for different categories.

Club Printing Needs Layla at Blinn College Small Business Development Center has provided the club with wonderful, extremely inexpensive printing

for many years. The SBDC no longer does work for nonprofit organizations, but the garden club has been grandfathered. Layla will be retiring, and then, the club will no longer be able to use SBDC.

Karen volunteered to do the printing work for the club as an hourly paid employee. The club would need to buy a large printer. Karen will talk to Layla about what all is involved in the printing she does for the club. After research, Karen will report back to the board with a plan. The board enthusiastically agreed to the prospect and thanked Karen for all the expertise she provides the club.

Refreshments Virginia Malinowski had some difficulty getting the refreshment committee for the February meeting. Dale Ramey will tell the members at the Feb. meeting that Virginia will appoint a chair for each month's refreshments. The chair will organize the group. Carol will bring several copies of the refreshment schedule to the February meeting so members can complete the 2023 schedule. The schedule is on the website.

Main Street Cleanup Debi was disappointed in the turnout for the February 6 cleanup but reported everything got done. Twyla Kingsley and Woody Taylor purchased about $400 of equipment to be used at the church. The church paid for the equipment. The church beds look great.

The outdoor water pipes at the Post Office broke during the cold weather. Debi and her husband, Tommy, installed sprinklers and drip lines at the Post Office. Dale Ramey thanked Debi and Tommy but asked that she be informed about any such projects in advance.

Debi inventoried everything in storage. The list is on the website.

Dale Ramey asked Debi to talk to the bank on Main Street about what plants they would like planted in the pots in front of the bank.

Watering on Main Street Debi will start a sign-up sheet for the watering schedule soon.

Membership Lexa Oelze is the newest member of the club. Antoinette Simon will not be rejoining the club due to personal reasons.

Suggestion Box Paper for suggestions will be put on each table at the meeting Feb. 8 to encourage members to make suggestions. Lynda recommended purchasing large clips to put on each table at the meetings for the suggestion box papers and any sign-up sheets, etc.

Committees Members must submit an updated membership application with their $30 dues. Each member should include their committee choice on their application. If they do not choose a committee, Bennie will assign them to a committee.

Members will be reminded at the Feb. meeting that if they are on Main Street Cleanup committee, they must let Debi Faver know if they will not be there.

Tomball Memorial High School Garden Club Donation Dale Ramey will issue a check for $2,000 for the donation.

Resource Book Lynda Harrison wants to change the bylaws on voting. Karen volunteered to make the changes in the Resource Book, which will need to be approved by the members.

PA System Lynda brought the new PA system, which will be stored at the church. Karen volunteered to set up the system before the Feb. 8 meeting. Lynda recommended the club buy a dolly to move the system.

Bennie moved to adjourn; Karen seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley