Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

May 1, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 1:57. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Karen Kubeczka, Kay Hanson-Clerc, Carol Madeley, Dixie Ford, Virginia Malinowski, Janis Boulware, Susan Baumann and Lynda Harrison by phone.

Quorum was established.

Bennie moved that the April 3 board minutes be approved. Kay seconded the motion, which passed.

Financial Report The combined bank balance as of 4/30/23 is $16,687.05. Several checks totaling about $1,000 have not cleared. Final results from the Spring Fundraiser are not yet available. After May 15, Lynda will get Quick Books so she and Kay can both have access to the financials.

Social Secretary Susan Baumann is the chair of the committee, replacing Kim Pope. Susan has sent one card to Cindy Blount and her husband for his surgery.

Only board members should contact Susan about sending cards. If Susan gets requests from members, she will let Dale Ramey or Dixie know.

Bennie will give Susan the roll calls each meeting so she can send cards to members who miss more than two meetings.

Dale Ramey will call Kim Pope and ask if she has stamps or cards belonging to the club.

Home Tour Friday Night Cocktail Party Virginia Malinowski is on the committee but does not want to be chair. Tina Hart may agree to be chair. Virginia said more help is needed for the party.

Refreshments Virginia reported that she has had problems with members backing out from bringing refreshments. Carol will send Virginia a list of members who have not signed up for refreshments. Virginia could ask them

to volunteer for the months that have less than five volunteers and/or she will have a list to call for substitutes.

Homeowners' Photo Book Janis Boulware will create the books for homeowners in 2023. Dale Ramey will let Mandy Forbes know that she is no longer in charge. Lynda reported that she never received an invoice from Mandy for the 2022 books. Janis has a $500 budget. The cost for six books in 2021 was $288.

Christmas Party The party will be held at Janis Boulware's house. Dixie will talk to Paula Barrett about plans for the party.

Seed Library Participation in the seed library by members has been disappointing. Members should bring seeds, take seeds and use seeds on Main Street and at the church. After discussion, the board decided to give the library one more year to try and get more participation. Dale Ramey will talk about the library at a future meeting. A list of available seeds is on the website.

Scholarship Libby Beckenbaugh sent a report. Seven applications have been received by April 30. Shirley has set up a Scholarship Rubric using a point system for the various application requirements: demonstrated need, GPA, Work Experience, Community Service and Personal Statement. The committee will share their suggestions for the 2023 scholarship recipients with the board after their next meeting.

Programs Many good photos have been received for the photo contest. The best photos will be displayed and available for sale at The Bluebonnet House during the Art Walk May 27, 2023.

Dale Ramey will talk to Sandy Smith about the June meeting. Delena Tull will give a program, possibly on edible plants with foraging for plants. Since it will be so hot in June, foraging may not be a good idea.

In July, Vicki Henson will give a presentation on Monarch butterflies.

Fifteenth Anniversary Party Cathy McNurlen and her committee have been working hard on the party, which will be Wednesday, May 10 at Halo House, Gold Heart Ranch from 10 to 3. Lunch will be served and there will

be presentations and surprises. After lunch, members may play croquet, corn hole or walk around the beautiful gardens.

Website Doug Jones is helping Karen with the website and is responsible for the digital frame.

Club Printing Karen applied for nonprofit access to CANVA, a website to make flyers, books, etc. The application was approved, and the club has free access to the website. The board thanked Karen.

Karen recommended downsizing the home tour brochure, providing full page ads for sponsors donating $1,000 and half page ads for sponsors donating $500. Other sponsors would be listed only. This would reduce the size and the cost of the brochure. Karen suggested providing QR codes for all the sponsors on the website so people could go directly to the sponsor's websites.

Home Tour Dale Ramey reported that the sponsorship committee has not met. Paula Matthews has resigned. Mary Humphries, Kathryn van der Pol and Virginia Servier volunteered to be on the committee. Dale Ramey is disappointed in the committee's lack of progress and needs help.

Suggestion Box There were no suggestions in the box.

Home Tour Dale Ramey expressed concern about members resigning and not paying for home tour tickets. After discussion, Bennie moved that in 2024, members must pay for their tickets and dues by the end of February. Dixie seconded the motion, which passed.

Members will receive tickets in October and may sell or give them away. Members will be informed of the change in October.

Main Street Cleanup The next cleanup is Wednesday, May 3. Red, white and blue flowers will be planted at the Post Office and Memory Garden.

Watering on Main Street The watering reel next to the Rock Store on Main Street has been moved to the alley between Carol's Ice House and Chupacabra Leather Company. Chupacabra will pay the water bill, but any amount over $60 a month, the club will pay. Carol will send a thank you note to Carol Salah and Steve Moreland.

Maifest Parade Dale Ramey and Carol will ride in the Maifest Parade in Brenham on Saturday, May 6 to represent the Garden Club. Dale Ramey will check into purchasing a snap on Garden Club sign for the car, which could be used for other events.

Bennie moved to adjourn; Kay seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley