Chappell Hill Garden Club

July 12, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer by Vicki Henson at 10:03. Pam Hall led the pledge of allegiance. Present were 35 members, including Cindy Michalsky, who joined at the meeting.

Quorum was established.

Dale Ramey thanked Dixie Ford and Bennie Yates for chairing the June meeting in her absence.

Debi Faver made a motion to approve the June 14, 2023, minutes. Darlene Wyatt seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Membership Concerns and Joys Libby Beckenbaugh's sister recently passed away. Bob Markos is home from the hospital. Kathi Kleiner is a new great grandmother.

Website Quiz Dale Ramey asked what the plant of the month was in June and July. No one was able to answer. Dale encouraged members to go to the website often to learn important information, but also to have a chance to win valuable prizes at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report Kay Hanson-Clerc summarized the financial statements, which are attached to the original minutes. As of June 30, 2023, total assets were $27,952, most of which are in a $20,000 CD. The CD will mature in January and will earn $700 in interest. Cash totaled $6,456. Income through June was $7,398, and expenses were $18,873, resulting in a loss of $11,547. Scholarships accounted for $8,000 in expenses and Texas Brigade, for $2,000. Since June 30, an additional $2,000 in scholarships has been paid.

Kay explained that the club operates at a loss most of the year until the Christmas home tour. The club is in good financial position as long as the club has a successful home tour. Members were encouraged to prepay for their home tour tickets and Christmas party.

Dale Ramey thanked Kay for helping Lynda Harrison with the financial reports. The club is very fortunate to have the expertise of two CPAs.

Refreshments Doug and Maclyn Jones, Woody Taylor, Darlene Wyatt and Sally English provided refreshments. In August, Cindy Blount, Twyla Kingsley, Tom Yates, Mary Humphries and Betty Demara will bring refreshments.

Fourth of July Parade Entry Dale Ramey thanked Sonjia Biddle and her committee for the fabulous entry in the Chappell Hill Fourth of July Parade. It was a crowd pleaser! Photos and a video are available on the website and Doug Jones has put photos on the club's digital frame.

Heritage Hall Virginia and Coy Servier have restored St. John's Church, 7393 Chadwick Hogan Road, Chappell Hill as a small event center. They will be having a Christmas in July sale July 21 and 22, starting at 9 am. The grand opening will be September 10. The hall will be on the Christmas Home Tour.

Elections Elections will be held in October. Members are encouraged to consider running for a board position.

Programs Faye Beery will talk about plumerias in August. Texas Brigade will also give a short presentation.

Home Tour Dale Ramey has six locations on the home tour.

The deadline for members to purchase home tour tickets is October 18. Members receive 5 tickets for $100 but should sell the tickets for $25 each. Members may keep or give away the additional ticket.

Janice Williams volunteered to chair the Friday Night Cocktail Party after the pre-tour on Friday, Dec. 8. Docents and sponsors attend the tour and cocktail party. Members were asked to suggest caterers for the event. Darlene Wyatt suggested Grapevine on Main. Please contact Dale Ramey or Janice Williams with other suggestions.

Home Tour Sponsorship Dale Ramey estimated sponsorships at roughly $8,000. This is below the budgeted amount of $12,300. Members should help find sponsors by asking companies they do business with to sponsor the home tour.

Dale Ramey is working with Microlife to sponsor the tickets.

Two banners thanking sponsors will be displayed on Main Street during the home tour.

Club Printing In the past, Layla at Blinn College Small Business Development Center has provided the club with extremely inexpensive printing. The SBDC no longer does work for nonprofit organizations.

The club purchased a large printer and Karen Kubeczka agreed to do the printing work for the club as a contractor.

Main Street Cleanup The next cleanup will be on August 2. At the July cleanup, fourth of July decorations were taken down and stored and the beds were cleaned. Debi Faver thanked the eight members who were at the July cleanup.

Debi is overbudget so she asked members to donate plants for Main Street in September. Dale Ramey and The Bluebonnet House offered to donate some plants also.

Bluebonnet seeds were saved from the bluebonnets on Main Street. The seeds have been packaged and will be sold at the Scarecrow Festival and other venues.

On Wednesday, July 19 at 8 am, daffodils will be dug up and replanted in the beds by Cotton Pickin's on Main Street. Volunteers who work may take some bulbs home.

Watering on Main Street Debi Faver passed around a sign-up for watering. Instructions will be posted by the watering reel. The watering schedule is on the website.

Seed Library Members are encouraged to save seeds and bring them to the meeting for the seed library. The library is available to members to take seeds, free of charge, at each meeting. A list of available seeds is on the website.

Christmas Party The party will be at Lillian Farms on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 11 to 3. The deadline to RSVP and pay $25 for lunch is August 9. Members should bring a nice, wrapped gift for the gift exchange.

Suggestion Box There were no suggestions in the box from the last meeting. Members were encouraged to put their suggestions in the box.

Scholarship Applications for 2024 scholarships will be available in March.

Vicki Henson gave an interesting program on Monarch butterflies, which will be available on the website.

Dale Dugas moved to adjourn; Shirley Rigamonti seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:51.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley