

## Chappell Hill Garden Club Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2018

At the start of our gathering today, President Dale Ramey introduced Candice Bullock, who is running for County Commissioner for Precinct 2 on the Republican ticket. Candice gave us a brief life history and a brief question and answer session. The upcoming primary is March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dale called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The opening prayer was given by Susan Baumann. There were 24 members in attendance.

**Minutes:** Susan Baumann made the motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting as posted. The motion was seconded by Paula Barrett and carried by a show of hands.

**Treasurer's Report:** Angela Rutland gave the end of the year treasurer's report.

### **2017 Fundraiser**

Total Expenses: \$1,701.06

Total Revenue: \$12,170.00

### **Club Ledger**

Total Expenses: \$6,608.07

Total Revenue: \$1,996.00

### **Balance in Checking Accounts**

xxxx10 \$2,738.17

xxxx11 \$22,671.73

Dale reported that the Christmas homes tour was a great success and that she has received nothing but compliments about the event. Plans are underway for another tour this year on the second Saturday of December. Please mark your calendars for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Dale encouraged everyone to send a thank you note to Cindy and Bryan Taylor for hosting the cocktail party for docents. The club is sending a Yuletide Camelia Bush to say thank you.

Cindy and Brian Taylor  
74 North Bay Blvd.  
Woodlands, TX 77380

### **Committee Reports:**

Paula Barrett passed out the refreshment list for 2018 and asked for members to sign up for the empty slots.

Dale reported on the flagpole project. The flagpoles will be 24 to 30 feet tall, placed at either side of 1155 and will be lighted. There will be a Texas flag on one side and a U.S. flag on the other. Dale is talking to some flag companies for pricing and the board will make the decision of which company to work with.

Susan Baumann gave a report on programs for the 2018 year. She has contacted Enchanted Gardens, Peckerwood Gardens, Arbor Gate and Wild Birds Unlimited about possible speakers and topics. Possible topics include serenity and meditation gardens, flower power, habitat gardens, vertical gardens, landscape design made easy, roses, birds, and keyhole gardens. One possibility is a field trip to Texas A&M Gardens. Another is having Dining Diva talk about cooking with herbs. Susan is working with Dale on finalizing programs for this year.

In April there is a field trip planned to Tree Search Farms in Houston, to take place on April 18<sup>th</sup> rather than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday due to the Bluebonnet Festival. We plan to meet and leave between 8:30 and 9:00 on that day.

In May we will have our annual picnic and plant swap at the Markos home.

Debbie Roberts gave a report on the Main Street Cleanup activities and the many complements received about the post office beds. We will continue to meet for weeding, planting and camaraderie the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at the post office. During the cool months we meet at 8:00 to 8:30, and during the hot months at 7:00 to 7:30. Bring your favorite garden tools and help us make Chappell Hill beautiful.

Dale asked if we had seen the Christmas decorations and lights along Main Street and what we thought about them. She discussed putting out decorations for each holiday season to decorate the town such as flags and seasonal floor mats as a possible club activity.

Bennie Yates brought the club's cache of garden books to share with members. Bennie will continue to coordinate the raffles for garden goodies this year, so be sure and bring your raffle ticket dollars!

Dale reported that the Chamber of Commerce will have a fundraiser banquet on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Volunteer Fire Department. Cost per person will be \$40.00 and there will be a silent auction.

A wonderful salad bar was prepared for us by Dale Ramey and Dale Dugas. Thanks to Dale and Dale for such tasty refreshments!

### **January Program:**

Debbie Roberts gave a very informative talk about preparing for spring in our gardens and flowerbeds. Now is the time to plant your cold weather crops. Here are some resources Debbie recommended to help guide your spring planting.

- Chappell Hill Garden Club Website – planting schedule under resources
- The Texas A&M Agrilife website has good planting guides
- Texas Gardener magazine – highly recommended, available at HEB and Tractor Supply

Thank you, Debbie for preparing and giving such a good talk.

Our meeting ran a little long, and unfortunately several members had to leave before the meeting finished. Our apologies to Debbie from those who were not able to stay until the end.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carol Madeley and seconded by Helon Loep. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by Tommie Montgomery for Ellen Mills