

Chappell Hill Garden Club Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2018

The meeting was opened at 10:08 by Dale Ramey. Helon Loep gave the opening prayer. There were 26 members and 2 guests present at today's meeting.

Minutes: Susan Baumann made a motion to accept the January minutes as posted. The motion was seconded by Dale Dugas. Motion carried by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Rutland gave the treasurer's report.

Expenses: \$276.12

Revenue: \$655.00

Regular Account balance: \$3,302.00

Special Account: \$22,395.61

Dale welcomed our guest, Diane Shank, who is Paula Barrett's mom, and our guest speaker, Cynthia Graham. She also welcomed new member Kay Little.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker today was Cynthia Graham, registered nurse and naturopath. She gave us a very informative talk on Essential Oils for Romance and Health.

Refreshments: Between today's program and conducting the rest of the business meeting, we were treated to fried chicken, salad, bread and herb butters, provided by Jere Hill and Carol Madeley, with cookies for dessert. Jere made everything festive with Valentine's Day themed decorations.

New Business:

Dale shared with us that Aaron Griffith was named Man of the Year by the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce. Be sure to congratulate him when next you see him in town!

Bennie Yates brought a beautiful geranium to raffle today, along with 4 secret door prizes, which were claimed by looking for hearts on the bottom of the plates.

Dale asked members to contribute ideas on how best to celebrate the garden club's 10th anniversary, which comes about in July.

Old Business:

Dale reported that she is waiting on one more quote for the flagpoles at the 1155 entrance to Chappell Hill. After receiving that, she will then work on obtaining permissions from the property owners to put up the flags.

Dale asked again that we send thank you notes to the Taylors for hosting the cocktail party for the docents for the Christmas Home Tour. Here's the address again.

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

There will be a change in location for the May meeting and plant swap. Bob's wife, Sue, is just not well enough for them to host this year. Bennie will speak to Libby Kenjura about having the plant swap in her garden.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification – Debbie Roberts: Debbie thanked everyone for coming out to work the post office flower beds last week. It was a lot of work resulting in sore muscles, but the beds are looking good. The beds still need to be mulched, as soon as the weather allows. Please watch for an email to know when to come help with that.

We are working on collecting garden tools for future Main Street clean ups. If you have tools to spare, please bring them to the next meeting. Tools can also be dropped off at the Bluebonnet House in a container provided for that use.

Debbie says that now is the time to do some trimming, cut back perennials and feed rose bushes. It is also the time to plant spring flowers.

Dale Ramey and Carol Salah of the 291 Ice House have chipped in for seasonal flags to be displayed along Main Street.

Refreshments – Paula Barrett and Jayne Hollywood: Paula gave complements on today's decorations and food. The refreshment calendar is filled in for the year. March refreshments will be provided by Mary Ann Urban and Portia Perino.

Scrapbook – Libby Kenjura: Dale reported that plans are underway to set up a digital photo frame to display club photographs.

Christmas Party – Paula Barrett & Helon Loep: Plans are underway for the annual Christmas party, which will be held again at Design II.

Website – Karen Kubeczka: Karen reported that the 2018 program list will be posted soon. She has also added a comment area on the first page to tell us what new things have been added to the website.

Facebook – Paula Barrett: Paula needs input for what to do on Facebook. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Seed Library – Debbie Roberts: Debbie reported that due to the weather we've had, you can currently still plant poppies and larkspurs from seed. Bluebonnet plants (not seeds) can also be planted at this time.

501C3 and Scholarship: There were no new reports at this meeting. Dale emphasized the need to find applicants for the scholarship funds.

Program Committee – Susan Baumann: Susan provided a handout with all of the programs for 2018. Next month our speaker will be Phoebe Lake on the topic of plants that can take Texas heat.

Dale announced upcoming Saturday programs at the Bluebonnet House. Saturday, Feb. 17th the talk will be about landscaping plans, and Saturday Feb 24th the talk will be about ferns.

Tommie is working on putting together notebooks for new members by the March meeting. If you need a notebook, please let her know.

At this time, Bennie conducted the raffle, and the winner was Diane Shank, our guest.

Karen Kubeczka made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Virginia Malinowski. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.