

Chappell Hill Garden Club Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2018

The meeting was opened at 10:02 by Dale Ramey. Cheryl McKeown gave the opening prayer. There were 17 members and two guests present at today's meeting.

Minutes: Dale Dugas made a motion to accept the January minutes as posted. The motion was seconded by Virginia Malinowski. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Rutland was not present and furnished the treasurer's report by email, which was read by Tommie Montgomery

Expenses: \$753.36

Revenue: \$885.00

Regular Account balance: \$3,472.75

Special Account: \$22,070.15

Dale welcomed our guest speaker, Phoebe Lake. Later in the meeting we welcomed Bob Markos's daughter-in-law, Joan.

Refreshments: Today's refreshments were provided by Portia Perino and Mary Ann Urban. We enjoyed pasta salad, a fruit salad bar with wonderful toppings, and a variety of mini cupcakes and candies. The table was decorated in an Easter theme with uplifting pastel colors. Thank you Portia and Mary Ann!

New Business: Dale reported on our upcoming 10th anniversary celebration. The party will be held in May at our plant swap meeting, and will take place at Libby Kenjura's. This will be a catered event in honor of the anniversary. Be on the lookout for that special plant that you would want to have yourself.

Old Business: Dale reported on the progress of the flag pole project. A sketch of the proposed flagpoles was passed around for everyone to see. Dale has been in contact with the TXDOT regarding the removal of the pine tree. She has been referred to several different people and is currently awaiting a return call from the last one. The flag poles will be 30 feet tall and lighted. Plans are for 5 ft. by 8 ft. flags, which will be large enough to be easily seen, but not so big they will drag the ground at half mast, or stress the poles in high winds. Dale Dugas has agreed to care for the flags when needed. The cost of the flag poles is projected to be from \$2,500 to \$3,000, which is below our budgeted \$5,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification – Debbie Roberts: Dale reported that the Main Street Cleanups are going well. At present we need more mulch to put out. Debbie will purchase the mulch and Aaron will put it out. Libby and Richard Kenjura repaired the watering system and it is up and running.

Refreshments – Paula Barrett and Jayne Hollywood: No refreshments are needed for the April meeting, as it will be a field trip day.

April Meeting: Our April meeting will be a field trip to Treesearch Farms, located at 7625 Alabonson Rd., Houston, Texas. This meeting will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month, April 18th. We will meet at 8:20 a.m. at the Methodist Church to caravan together and will depart promptly at 8:30. After the tour we will have lunch together at a local restaurant.

Scrapbook – Libby Kenjura: No new report

Christmas Party – Paula Barrett & Helon Loep: Paula says, “It’s going to be fun!”

Website – Karen Kubeczka: No new report

Facebook – Paula Barrett: Paula has been working on our Facebook Page and has been posting news of activities and pictures of flowers.

Seed Library – Debbie Roberts: No new report

501C3 and Scholarship: Karen Kubeczka has worked hard to revise the application form and it is now posted on the website. We have several applicants to date. The deadline to apply for this year is May 1st

Program Committee – Susan Baumann: Susan reports that programs for this year are all underway, and that the next program is our field trip to Treesearch Farms.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker today was Phoebe Lake of New Leaf Nursery who gave an excellent talk on plants that can withstand our summer heat. Phoebe brought many of the plants she talked about and beautiful photographs showing them at their peak bloom. New Leaf Nursery is a wholesale nursery, but Phoebe brought several flats of bedding plants to sell at the meeting. Now is the time to get plants started so they will be well established before the summer heat sets in.

At this time, Bennie conducted the raffle of two chick pot holders and plants. The winners were Susan Prewitt and Virginia Malinowski.

Susan Baumann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Carol Madeley. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24.