

## CHAPPELL HILL GARDEN CLUB MINUTES June 14, 2017

President Dale Ramey called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 am and introduced Ronnie Holt as guest speaker.

Mr. Holt has a tool sharpening business and is available for sharpening garden tools. His contact number is 979-251-2553. Prices range from \$2.00 to \$8.00 for most garden tools, and \$8.00 to \$10.00 for mower blades. Prices may vary depending on the condition of the blade. Tools may be dropped off at Parts and More in Brenham.

There followed a question and answer session about sharpening and maintaining tools and the possibility of a club drop off point.

At this time the prayer was given by Bennie Yates. Bennie thanked everyone for coming to work the previous Wednesday on the Post Office beds. A break for refreshments was taken at this time. The refreshments were provided by Susan Prewitt and Cheryl Robinson.

Dale reported that Ellen Mills was not feeling well and to keep her in our prayers. A motion was made by Helon Loep to send Ellen a plant or flower. The motion was seconded by Paula Barrett and the motion was accepted, Virginia Malinowski recommended the Flower Mart.

Treasurer's Report: None was given today as Angela Rutland was not in attendance.

Dale asked if there were any corrections to the May meeting minutes and none were given. A vote was taken by show of hands and the minutes were accepted as published.

Attendance: 14

## Old Business:

Debbie Roberts reported a good turnout for the June 7th workday at the Post Office. The mailbox has been planted with portulaca, the watering system is in place and the beds have summer color that will endure the heat.

Dale gave an update on the Christmas Home Tour. The tour date is December 9th. Tickets will be \$20.00. The night before, December 8th, there will be a private tour for garden club members only so they can see and enjoy the homes and be available Saturday to assist with the tour.

The five homes on the tour will be as follows.

- Cindy Taylor's home in the Lakes of Chappell Hill
- Cottage Blue on Main Street
- The Madeley House, home of Carol and Mark Madeley
- The Parker House on Main Street
- Libby Kenjura's house

A flute-playing group will be performing in the Providence Church.

Helon Loep will help design the route flyer. Dale asked for something to be ready by the 4th of July so that flyers can be posted at that time.

There was a question of whether or not the club is doing calendars. Dale reported that the cost to produce each calendar would be about \$10.00, making it difficult to sell calendars at a profit.

The group photo taken at the May meeting turned out great thanks to Bob's wonderful train. Bob said he would like to make this an annual event, and this was discussed.

Cheryl Robinson made a motion to have the May plant swap as an annual event at Bob Markos's home. Paula Barrett seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Bennie Yates called for sponsorships for the home tour. Dale will make contacts about sponsorships. There was discussion of how sponsors and hosts are to be recognized.

Helen Loep is to take care of managing certificates. There was also discussion of the importance of ticket sales and good attendance. Cheryl Robinson agreed to help with PR in contacting other garden clubs.

Dale asked for committee reports. Paula Barrett talked about the need to get gifts ready for the White Elephant exchange for the Christmas party. The party will be held at Design II on December 13 from 11:00 to 2:00.

New Business:

Dale asked for suggestions and ideas for future meetings and activities were discussed.

Also discussed were the types of pests being found presently and ways to prevent and treat them.

At about 11:45 am, Carol Madeley moved that the meeting be adjourned and Susan Prewitt seconded it. Immediately after was the raffle for three beautiful glass mosaic balls. Virginia was the lucky winner!

Regards,

Tommie Montgomery  
(minutes for Ellen Mills)