

CHAPPELL HILL GARDEN CLUB MINUTES July 12, 2017

Vice-President Bennie Yates called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Susan Baumann offered the invocation, and Jere Hill gave a special prayer for Ellen Mills and her pulmonary challenge. Paula Barrett and Jayne Hollywood served refreshments. Bennie then gave an update on Bobby Ramey's heart surgery.

Speaker: William of *Discount Trees* gave a most interesting and informative hour on trees, plants and included a Q & A time. The top priority in planting anything is site selection ... especially trees. Secondly, maintenance is to be highly considered. Good drainage is a must for most plants and certainly trees. Fruit trees need 600 chill hours; that's greater than 32 degrees and less than 45 degrees. Something good for the root system is a fungus additive, Biotone. The best figs for here are Celeste and Brown Turkey, and blackberries need sandy, acidic soil and afternoon shade. You would have had to be there to hear all the information this speaker showered on us. Can't relate it all here.

Business meeting then started. Virginia Malinowski made a motion to accept the minutes from last month's meeting, and Helon Loep second the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Rutland was not present and will give the report next month.

Attendees: 17 members and 1 visitor

Old Business:

The Christmas Home Tour was the major discussion. Members were asked to help get sponsors and were given sponsorship letters.

Committee Reports:

Website ... Karen Kubeczka 100poppies is the password for getting into the members' section of the website.

Main Street ... Debbie Roberts August 2nd at 7:30 AM will be clean-up on Main Street.

Seed Library ... Debbie Roberts It's time to harvest flower seeds. Seeds can be kept in pill bottles and in a cool dry place until Debbie gets them.

Refreshments ... Paula Barrett keeps track of the refreshments for each month. She will let us know when it is our turn.

Programs ... Susan Baumann At this time, there will be no program next month as Susan received no response from the Blue Bird Lady.

Name Tags ... Jere Hill is in charge of those and has spent about \$25 on supplies.

Dale, Bennie and Karen talked with Brenham Christian Academy about our offer of a scholarship, and they were most receptive. The need is there. A check for \$1,000 will be given this month, as Jere Hill made the motion and Sally Gaines second it.

New Business:

Jere Hill asked if our club could give some sort of recognition to Joan Griggs for her beautiful yard.

Karen gave the alert that the copperheads are out in force.

For those wishing to send cards to Bobby Ramey, please, use the local address: PO Box 308, Chappell Hill, TX 77426.

Adjournment was at 11:50 AM when Susan Prewitt made the motion, and Tom Yates second the motion.

Ellen Mills
Secretary