

CHAPPELL HILL GARDEN CLUB

January 8, 2020

The Chappell Hill Garden Club opened in prayer led by Jere Hill, followed by the pledge of allegiance at 10:03 am.

Present were 37 members and three guests, Nikki Thornton, Maureen Carroll and Marilyn Thomason. Nikki and Marilyn joined the club. Nikki agreed to include her home, The Mulberry House, on the 2020 home tour!

Dale Dugas, Barbara Morrish and Sandy Rhodes provided refreshments.

A motion to approve the November 13, 2019 minutes was made by Susan Baumann and seconded by Angela Rutland. The motion carried.

Dale Ramey thanked Bennie and Tom Yates for coming early and setting up and cleaning up for all the meetings. Dale thanked outgoing treasurer, Angela Rutland, for her years of service. Dale introduced the board: Bennie Yates, vice president; Lynda Harrison, treasurer; Carol Madeley, secretary; and directors, Karen Kubeczka and Paula Barrett.

Treasurer Lynda Harrison gave the preliminary financial report. A few items are still outstanding, but the overall results should be about the same. The complete financial reports are attached to the original minutes.

In 2019, total revenue was \$19,656.50 and total expenses were \$15,853.75, resulting in net income of \$3,802.75. Total home tour revenue was \$15,830.00.00, and total home tour expenses were \$3,797.93 for a net profit of \$12,032.07.

As of 12/31/19, total bank balances were \$29,977.36. Of that, \$650.00 is restricted to be used for flags.

Lynda presented the 2020 budget. As a non-profit organization, money should be used for the stated goals, which include beautification of Chappell Hill, and education for members and children. Lynda recommended increasing scholarships from \$2,000 in 2019 to \$6,000 in 2020 and increasing beautification from roughly \$3,000 to \$5,580. The resulting

budget ends in a loss of roughly \$2,400, but the club has a large available bank balance that needs to be drawn down.

Dale Dugas made a motion to accept the budget, and Sally English seconded the motion, which passed.

Committees Dale Ramey and Bennie are working on a list of 2020 committees and chairs. The list will be available at the February meeting for members to sign up for the committee of their choice. Every member must serve on at least one committee.

Flag Maintenance Dale Dugas and Libby Beckenbaugh replaced the American flag at the Memory Garden and both flags at the corner at Valero. The flags they took down are being repaired and cleaned.

Membership Application All members filled out updated membership applications. The application lists the requirements for membership: pay annual dues, work on a committee, buy 5 tickets to the home tour and participate as docent, and furnish refreshments at least once a year. The board will no longer be required to provide refreshments.

Home Tour Bennie reminded members to put \$10 a month in their home tour jars. By the time tickets are available in September, everyone should have \$90 to buy their tickets. Angela suggested also putting names of people to give tickets to in the jar. Bennie had jars for members who didn't already have one.

Dale Ramey reported that the table decorations were a huge hit on the home tour. Visitors enjoyed voting on the tables. Dale suggested decorating Christmas trees in 2020 in teams and displaying the trees at the Rock Store on the home tour.

Dale Dugas suggested teams decorate teddy bears and after the tour, donate them.

Paula Barrett asked everyone to be thinking of a creative hash tag to use for the home tour.

All sponsors will be finalized by Oct. 1, 2020.

Dale Dugas reported that her committee will send letters to the 2019 sponsors, thanking them and requesting that they put the home tour in their 2020 budget. The website has a list of 2019 sponsors. Members should thank the companies whenever they do business with them.

Main Street Beautification Debbie Roberts reported that the next Main Street Cleanup will be on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 9 am. Cleanup days will usually fall on the first Wednesday of the month, with start time depending on the weather. Tom Yates volunteered to scrape the decorative mailbox at the Post Office.

Website Lea Wie took pictures of all members, which will be posted on the website.

Fundraiser in May 2020 The club will work with the Historical Society on a fundraiser on Saturday, May 9, the day before Mothers' Day 2020. Docents will present an historical tour of the shops on Main Street, Providence Baptist Church, Historical Society Museum and the library. A list of houses with historical markers will be provided for a drive by tour. Tickets will cost \$10 and proceeds will be shared with the Historical Society. New member, Marilyn Thomason, agreed to chair the docents for the event.

Business After Hours The Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After Hours January 23 from 5-7 at The Rock Store, 5070 Main St., Chappell Hill. Refreshments and adult beverages will be provided. Dale Ramey encouraged all members to attend. The club is a member of the Chamber and should be supported by the Chamber.

Nametags Contact Bennie if you need a nametag.

Scholarships Sally English reported she had received an application from Ileesha Bradford for a scholarship to Blinn. Sally personally knows and recommends Ileesha and suggested a \$1,000 scholarship.

Program Brandi Hill from Orchid Express and Leasing, 111 Heights Blvd., Houston 77007, presented a program on orchids.

Dale Dugas made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jeri Hill. The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley