

## CHAPPELL HILL GARDEN CLUB

**January 9, 2019**

The Chappell Hill Garden Club opened in prayer, led by Barbara Segal, at 10:55 am. Before the meeting, Mike Shoup of Antique Rose Emporium gave a program on new roses.

Present were 26 members and four guests, Lynda Harrison, Joyce Watts, Pam Waldren and Sandy Pillion. All four guests joined after the meeting.

A motion to approve the November 14, 2018 minutes was made by Tommie Montgomery and seconded by Susan Baumann. The motion carried.

Angela Rutland gave the December 31, 2018 treasurer's report. Total expenses in 2018 were \$18,196.09, and total revenue, \$15,659.97 for a net loss of \$2,536.12. Fundraising expenses for 2018 were \$2,146.99 and revenue was \$13,225.00, consisting of \$7,025 from sponsors and \$6,200 from ticket sales. Fundraising profit in 2018 was \$11,078.01. The budget for 2019 is \$20,200.

Angela talked about the importance of members selling tickets for the home tour. As a 501c3 nonprofit organization, the Chappell Hill Garden Club has an obligation to the community to fulfill the Mission Statement, which includes beautification, scholarship and education. Successful fundraisers are necessary to achieve these goals, and membership involvement is critical.

Ticket sales by members were down over \$3,000 from 2017. Many members did not sell any tickets, and many others sold less than five. Fortunately, because of the successful sponsorship sales by Dale Dugas and Dale Ramey, the club was able to make up the loss in ticket sales.

Angela concluded that participation by all members is important and in 2019, each member will be responsible for selling five tickets.

To help everyone participate in ticket sales, Bennie Yates distributed Mason jar savings banks. Bennie suggested that everyone puts a couple of dollars in the bank every week. By year-end, there will be enough money to buy five

tickets and give them away to friends. In this way, all members will be able to pay for at least five tickets.

Bennie listed the main ways the garden club uses the money raised. These include the beautiful flags at Valero on 290, Main Street beautification, providing plants for the Memorial Garden and scholarships.

**Home Tour** Dale Ramey reported on the 2019 Home Tour. One home is already lined up for the 2019 tour and Barbara Segal said she was willing to include Lillian Farms on the tour as well.

**Prayers and Concerns** Dale Ramey reported that Twyla Kingsley lost her husband recently. Dale Dugas said that visitation will be January 9 at the Schmidt Funeral Home in Katy and the funeral will be at 11:00 am Jan. 10 at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church. A sign up sheet for meals for Twyla was passed around.

**Programs** Dale Ramey reported that the club will go to Peckerwood Gardens for a private tour on Feb. 20. We will carpool from Chappell Hill United Methodist Church, leaving at 8:30 am. We will go to lunch afterwards. Details will be emailed before the meeting.

A snake expert will speak in March. Dale Ramey will talk to Antique Rose Emporium about a tour in the spring. Other program topics in 2019 include bonsai and citrus. Barbara Segal offered Lillian Farms as a venue for a spring meeting.

**Committees** Dale Ramey reported two new committees have been formed: home tour signs and docents. Dale encouraged members to sign up to head or be a part of these and other committees.

**Christmas Party** Paula Barrett and Tommie Montgomery did a fantastic job on the 2018 Christmas Party. The club has outgrown Design II. Angela Rutland is talking with the Brenham Country Club about having the party there in 2019. Barbara Segal offered Lillian Farms' party barn for free. The Christmas Party committee will make a decision on the location. Honeysuckle Coffee Bistro is being considered as the caterer. Paula Barrett moved that the Christmas Party be held on December 18, 2019. Bennie Yates seconded the motion, which carried.

**Memory Garden** Debbie Roberts reported on the beautification of the Memory Garden on Main Street. Chappell Hill Garden Club is assisting the Historical Society in this effort. Texas Ranch Management is doing all the hardscape, including correcting drainage problems, installing boulders, a flagpole and walkways. Chappell Hill Garden Club will provide plants. Debbie asked members if they had any cemetery white iris or ox blood lilies they would donate.

**Seed Library** Debbie Roberts said interest was down for the seed library in 2018 and asked members if they wanted to continue the library. Members resoundingly said yes so Debbie will continue to collect seeds from members, which are free for members.

**Main Street Beautification** Debbie Roberts reported the next Main Street clean up will be on Feb. 6. All members are encouraged to help.

**Flag Maintenance** Dale Dugas reported four additional flags have been purchased for \$700.

**Outreach** Dale Dugas reported that she and Libby Beckenbaugh sent letters to the 2018 Home Tour sponsors, thanking them and asking them to put the 2019 Home Tour in their budgets. Dale asked members to suggest other sponsors to be included in 2019.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Barrett and seconded by Dale Dugas. The meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley