

## Chappell Hill Garden Club

October 13, 2021

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer by Bennie Yates at 10:02. Dale Ramey led the pledge of allegiance. Present were 33 members and one guest, Alison Bryce, with the Brenham Banner-Press.

Refreshments were provided by Debbie Roberts, Tommie Montgomery, Angela Rutland and Mary Armato.

A motion to approve the Sept. 8, 2021 minutes was made by Angela Rutland and seconded by Cathy McNurlen. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** Lynda Harrison reported the combined bank balance as of Sept. 30, 2021 was \$18,776.58, of which \$12,992.79 is in the savings account. Net income through September 2021 was a loss of \$12,311.78. Net income is negative until the home tour in December. Financial reports are attached to the original minutes and are available on the website.

Deferred liabilities for the Christmas party, home tour tickets, sponsorships and member dues total \$6,420.

Other than scholarships, the greatest expense to date is \$1,225 for flags.

Lynda has registered the club as a nonprofit recipient of Amazon Smile. Everyone is encouraged to pick Chappell Hill Garden Club for their Smile donation whenever they purchase from Amazon. Members are urged to tell friends and family to choose CHGC.

**Donation** Dale Ramey reported the Lana McDaniels and Shannon Webb designated CHGC as the recipient of the net income from the sale of beer at their fundraiser at the Scarecrow Festival. They are donating \$2,826.16 to the club. Dale thanked Lynda Harrison for her work in getting this generous donation.

**Elections** Lynda Harrison explained the election process. Members will vote on up to nine board of directors. The board is elected in October and

takes office in January. At the first board meeting in January, officers will be elected.

On the ballot are the incumbent board, Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Lynda Harrison, Carol Madeley, Karen Kubeczka and Shirley Rigamonti. Loyce Jardell and Debi Faver are also on the ballot. Lynda asked if anyone else was interested in being on the board. No one was. Lynda distributed the ballots to members. The eight people on the ballot were elected.

**Scrapbook** Mandy Forbes has expressed interest in chairing the scrapbook committee. In the past, there has been a membership scrapbook and a home tour scrapbook that is given to homeowners. The homeowner scrapbook has been a popular gift. Karen Kubeczka will talk to Mandy soon. If Mandy decides not to take over the scrapbook, there will no longer be a scrapbook committee.

Instead of a scrapbook, Shirley Rigamonti suggested members capture photos on Facebook. Dale Dugas agreed to post pictures members send her. Pictures could also be sent to the electronic frame, but someone would have to be in charge of that.

**Christmas Party** Jayne Hollywood has replaced Libby Kenjura on the Christmas Party Committee. Tommie Montgomery reported that the party will be held at the Brenham Country Club on Wednesday, Dec. 15. The chef at the club will cater the party. The committee is busy making decorations and favors. Members should bring a gift they would like to receive for the gift exchange. Tommie asked members to contact her if they would be interested in leading the exchange.

**Refreshments** Loyce Jardell passed around a sign-up sheet for 2022 refreshments. Members are required to provide refreshments once a year.

**Main Street Cleanup** Debi Faver thanked the volunteers who helped with cleanup on October 6 and gave them a token of appreciation.

The next cleanup will be on Wednesday, Nov. 3. Bluebonnets will be planted, and Debi needs everyone to come and help that day. Watering on Main Street will continue through October.

**Visitors** Dale Ramey reminded members that according to the Standing Rules, prospective members are welcome to attend one monthly meeting before joining. Visitors may not attend more than one meeting.

**2022 Garden Tour** Sandy Smith is chairman for the 2022 garden tour. One garden is committed for the tour. Members should let Sandy know if they or someone they know is interested in having their gardens on the tour.

**Home Tour Decorating Contest** Twyla Kingsley is the chairman of the decorating contest. Members, divided into six teams, will decorate clay pots as Christmas characters. Only four members had volunteered to be team leaders, so Twyla asked for two more volunteers. Cindy Blount agreed to be a team leader and the board will make up a team. Twyla will re-configure the teams.

The clay pot figures will be sold at a silent auction during the home tour. The figure receiving the highest bid will be the 2021 decorating contest winner.

**Committee Registration** Members are required to serve on a committee. Bennie Yates is the chair for committee registration. Bennie will pass around a list of committees at the November meeting. Members should think about which committee they would like to join. In January, members will pick their committee, and if they do not choose, Bennie will assign them to committees.

**Home Tour** Dale Ramey reported she has ordered the home tour banner that will go over Day Street near HEB.

Sponsorship letters have gone out. To date, about \$4,000 in sponsorships has been committed. The deadline for sponsors is October 20, when the home tour brochure will be printed.

Bennie Yates reminded members that everyone must docent. She will hand out a docent schedule at the November meeting.

Members will meet at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church at 4 pm on Friday, Dec. 10. Docents, homeowners and spouses, and donors of \$500 or more will tour the homes, ending up at La Bahia for the cocktail party. Loyce Jardell is catering the party.

The owner of La Bahai has requested old cars be parked in front of the house for the tour. If anyone has an old car they would be willing to park at La Bahai for the tour, please contact Dale Ramey.

**November 2 Constitutional Amendment Election** Tom Yates reported that there will be a constitutional amendment election on Nov. 2. He encouraged everyone to vote. He brought some sample ballots.

**Name Tags** Jere Hill asked members who have lost their nametags to contact her by Oct. 31 so everyone will have nametags when they docent at the home tour. Carol Madeley will send an email reminding members to call Jere.

**Membership** Our newest member is Mandy Forbes. Diane Wann's mother died and the funeral is Oct. 14. Diane's husband, Beau, is in stable condition after his latest brain surgery.

Angela Rutland thanked Cheryl Robinson for helping the Historical Society at the Scarecrow Festival.

**Programs** Shirley Rigamonti showed members how to decorate their foam pumpkins and everyone enjoyed creating their masterpieces. Alison Bryce from the Brenham Banner-Press took pictures of the decorating.

Twyla Kingsley moved to adjourn; Shirley Rigamonti seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley