

Chappell Hill Garden Club

Oct. 14, 2020

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer led by Virginia Malinowski at 10:06. Present were 29 members and two guests, Marilyn Newman and Brenda McMickle.

A motion to approve the Sept. 9, 2020 minutes was made by Dale Dugas and seconded by Sandy Smith. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Dale Ramey gave the treasurer's report for Lynda Harrison. The combined balance of the two bank accounts as of Oct. 14, 2020, was \$24,345. Sponsorship income is \$3,650 to date, compared to a total for 2019 or \$6,525. Home tour ticket sales to date are \$4,880, compared to a total of \$9,305 in 2019.

Elections Dale Ramey asked for nominations from the floor. The current board of Dale Ramey, president; Bennie Yates, vice president; Lynda Harrison, treasurer; Carol Madeley, secretary; and members at large, Karen Kubeczka and Paula Barrett have agreed to serve if elected. Being no nominations, Dale Dugas moved to elect the current board. Virginia Malinowski seconded the motion, which passed.

Main Street Cleanup Debi Faver thanked the 18 members and her husband, Tommy, who participated in the major Main Street Cleanup at the Post Office Oct. 7. A special thank you went to Debbie Roberts, who provided helpful guidance. Roses were transplanted, annuals and perennials and other plants removed, timbers replaced, soil added, hedges trimmed, and the bench moved. Planting was started. An armadillo has gotten into the garden and done a lot of damage. He will be caught before planting continues. Bluebonnets will be planted, among other plants. Dale Ramey reminded members to let her know if they would like to purchase bluebonnets.

Debi gave October workers a cute token of appreciation, and especially thanked Dixie Ford, Kay Little, Karen Kubeczka and Debbie Roberts, who worked four hours from the beginning to the end of the session.

Debi reported a gardening tip Karen Kubeczka gave. Essential oils can be used for insect bites.

Debbie Roberts reminded members that it's time to spread bluebonnet and poppy seeds. A monthly garden checklist is on the website.

Social Correspondence Dale Ramey thanked Libby Beckenbaugh for the great job she has done as social correspondent. Due to her husband's health issues, Libby needs to resign. Dale asked for volunteers and Jere Hill agreed to take over the job. She will send get well and condolence cards to members and notes to members who miss more than two meetings in a row.

Programs Shirley Rigamonti will be Program Chair in 2021. Shirley created a list of all the programs the club has enjoyed over the years.

A speaker from Moody Gardens is scheduled for January 2021. Dale Ramey asked how many members would be interested in a bus tour to Moody Gardens in February. About 25 expressed interest so Shirley and Dale will investigate hiring a bus.

Dale asked members for program ideas. Suggestions included Newman Castle in Bellville, Sherriff Hanak and Jana Lefebvre. Jana said that she could order tubers for members at wholesale. Members were asked to talk to Jana after the meeting if they want to order.

Home Tour The deadline for purchasing tickets is today. Bennie distributed tickets and collected money. If any members have not picked up their tickets, they will be available at The Bluebonnet House from Bennie.

Dale Dugas reported \$6,125 in sponsorships has been collected and another \$1,250 has been committed. Dale encouraged members to share about the home tour on Facebook.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for docents. A docent schedule will be available at the November meeting.

Paula Barrett and her posse will distribute fliers to businesses in November. Fliers are available at The Bluebonnet House for members to distribute.

Christmas Party The party will be Dec. 16 at the Brenham Country Club. Funky Art Café will cater. The cost of the party is \$20 and the deadline to purchase tickets is today.

Tommie Montgomery presented the tree decorating and set up schedule. On Friday, Dec. 4 from 10 to 1, teams 1,3 and 5 will decorate. On Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 to 1, teams 2, 4 and 6 will decorate. Decorating teams will sit together at the party.

Trees will be taken down on Jan. 7 from 10 to 2.

Raffle Bennie Yates provided a beautiful fall arrangement for raffle. Dixie Ford was the lucky winner.

Community Events The Chamber of Commerce has tentatively scheduled a Taste and Tour in Chappell Hill Nov. 14 and/or Dec 5.

Chappell Hill United Methodist Church will have a silent auction and baked potato sale November 14 from 10-3. The potatoes will be take out only and will be available from 11-3. Bennie Yates encouraged members to attend.

Karen Kubeczka reported that she found two cute pot belly pigs at her house. The pigs are available for adoption to the right family. Contact Karen for more details.

Membership Carol Locke recently lost her mother. Dale Ramey encouraged members to send her a card. Nikki Thornton recently got married.

Seven members will not be returning next year because of health or covid issues. Hopefully, they will be able to rejoin in the future.

The next meeting will be November 11 and will be a business meeting about the home tour.

Program Nanako Tingleaf gave a program on Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging. Nanako created several beautiful arrangements and gave three of them to door prize winners, Jere Hall, Cheryl Robinson and Kim Pope. Loyce Jardell gave each member a floral frog so we can create our own arrangements.

Virginia Malinowski moved to adjourn; Tommie Montgomery seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary