

Chappell Hill Garden Club

Nov. 11, 2020

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer led by Angela Rutland at 10:05. Present were 32 members and one guest, Jody Rodriguez.

Dena Bradshaw, Jere Hill, Cheryl Robinson and Diane Wann provided refreshments.

A motion to approve the Oct. 14, 2020 minutes was made by Paula Barrett and seconded by Dale Dugas. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Lynda Harrison reported the combined balance of the two bank accounts as of Nov. 10, 2020, was \$27,065.98. Home tour sponsorship and donation income is \$6,900 as of Nov. 11, 2020, compared to a total for 2019 or \$6,525. Lynda thanked Dale Ramey, Dale Dugas and Bennie Yates for their hard work securing sponsorships and donations. Home tour ticket sales to date are \$5,100, compared to a total of \$9,305 in 2019.

Lynda asked committee chairs to confirm their 2021 budget.

Social Correspondence Secretary Jere Hill and Kim Pope will be the co-chairs of Social Correspondence. Libby Beckenbaugh resigned due to her husband's health issues. Dale Ramey thanked Libby for her years of work on the committee.

Main Street Cleanup Debi Faver thanked the 15 members who participated in the Main Street Cleanup Oct. 30. About 300 plants were planted. Debi thanked Libby Kenjura for her work on the irrigation system. Debi thanked workers with a cute gnome ornament.

Cannas dug up at the Post Office were available for members to take home. Angela Rutland's brother, Billy, had pots of root beer plants for members also.

Debi's tip for the month was about loofahs, which can be used for washing dishes or exfoliating. Debi showed what the plant looks like and gave seeds to those who wanted them. Loofahs should be planted in the spring.

Dale Ramey reported that Special Projects will be removed as a line item in the 2021 budget under Beautification-Chappell Hill. Dale Ramey will complete the plaque project at the flag poles at Valero, using money allocated for Special Projects in 2020. In 2021, Beautification will include budget line items for The Memory Garden and Main Street, but no Special Projects.

Home Tour Bennie Yates has secured Citizens on Patrol for the day of the tour.

Connie Wilder from Funky Art Café, Dale Ramey and Kay Little will meet with Laurie Holloway about set up for the cocktail party the night of the pre-home tour.

Jere Hill will make special nametags for the sponsors.

Bennie distributed docent assignments. Dress for docents is Christmas casual. Members should text Bennie with any problems or questions.

Paula Barrett and Dale Dugas will organize a posse to distribute fliers soon in Brenham, Bellville and Hempstead.

Dale Dugas reported five new sponsors were added this year. They are American Overhead Door, Flag Store, Timeless Herbs and Oils, AJ's Seafood and Steak, and Texas Ranch Manager. Dale encouraged members to support and thank all the sponsors.

Dale Ramey reported that in 2021, presentations detailing the scholarships and community outreach the club does, will be made to potential sponsors. Bennie Yates encouraged members to let people know how much the club does for the community, including scholarships, beautification of Main Street, Christmas lights on Main Street and the flags at Valero.

Paula Barrett reported on the team tree decorating. Her committee will set up, decorate and clean Providence Baptist Church on Thursday, Dec. 3. On Friday, Dec. 4 from 10-1, teams 1, 3 and 5 will decorate. On Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10-1, teams 2, 4 and 6 will decorate. On Jan. 7, trees will be taken down from 10-2.

Docents are invited to the pre-tour and cocktail party on Friday, Dec. 11. Dress is Christmas casual. Docents meet at 4 pm at Providence Baptist Church. We will carpool and caravan to the homes. Nametags will be at the church. Members should wear nametags for the pre-tour, and while they are docents on Dec. 12. Sponsors donating \$250 or more are invited to the pre-tour and cocktail party. Members are encouraged to introduce themselves and thank the sponsors.

Tom Yates and Gary Pullins will put up signs the morning of the tour, Saturday, Dec. 12.

Programs Dale Ramey reported that the board decided not to take bus field trips to Moody Gardens or the Dallas Arboretum in 2021 because of the prohibitive cost of busses.

Shirley Rigamonti presented the 2021 program schedule, which is attached to the original minutes. In January, Donita Brannon will give a presentation on Moody Gardens. In February, we will have a Valentine's Party.

Christmas Party The party will be Dec. 16 at the Brenham Country Club from 10-3. Funky Art Café will cater. Bring a wrapped gift that you would like to take home for the gift exchange. Members should plan on spending the day because the gift exchange takes a long time but is a lot of fun.

Door Prizes Dixie Ford, Debi Faver and Virginia Malinowski were the lucky door prize winners.

Community Events 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.

Jana Lefebvre offered to let members dig up some plants at her beds and cut sunflowers. Contact Jana for more details.

Brenham is having a Ladies Night Out on Friday, Nov. 13.

The Bluebonnet House is having an Open House on Nov. 21 from 10-4.

Iron Eagle Trading Post's Beer Garden is open.

Membership Loyce Jardell, Libby Kenjura, Libby Beckenbaugh, Mary Humphries and Bob Markos are having health issues. Dale Ramey asked the Social Correspondence Committee to send them cards.

Kay Little is moving to Austin. Dale Ramey thanked Kay for all her work on photos, scrapbook and the home tour books. A replacement chair is needed for 2021.

Carol Locke is stepping down as Refreshment Chair in 2021. Dale Ramey thanked Carol for her excellent work. A replacement is needed.

Portia Perino is moving to Mississippi.

Tommie Montgomery moved to adjourn; Katherine Pullins seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:54.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary