

Chappell Hill Garden Club

November 8, 2017 Minutes

President Dale Ramey called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Sally Gaines gave the opening prayer. There were 18 members and 1 guest in attendance today.

The October meeting was a field trip to Enchanted Gardens, and no minutes were sent out for October. Susan Baumann made a motion to accept the September minutes as sent out. The motion was seconded by Portia Perino. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Rutland, although unable to attend, sent the end of October report.

2017 Fundraiser

Total Expenses \$165.16 (printing ticket, flyers)

Total Revenue \$1,594.45 (4 sponsors, 6 tickets)

Club Ledger

Total Expenses \$4,974.95 (misc. committee expenses)

Total Revenue \$1,491 (raffles, memberships, Christmas, donations)

Balance in Checking Accounts

xxxx10 \$2,954.75

xxxx11 \$13,896.17

Paula Barrett made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. The motion was seconded by Sally Gaines. Motion carried.

Dale gave a brief update on the project to put flag poles at the intersection of 1155 and 290 to display the Texas and American flags.

Elections:

There were no new nominees for club offices for the upcoming year. A motion was made by Susan Baumann for the current officers to serve for another year. The motion was seconded by Sally Gaines. Motion carried. The officers for next year are as follows.

President: Dale Ramey

Vice President: Bennie Yates

Secretary: Ellen Mills (Tommie Montgomery to serve as backup)

Treasurer: Angela Rutland

Dale welcomed the following new members – Katherine and Gary Pullins and Libby Beckenbaugh. Other new members are Kay Little and Lea Wie. Dale welcomed guest Dale Dugas, who also joined the club today.

New Business

1. Paula Barrett passed around the 2018 sign-up sheet for refreshments.
2. Dale discussed ideas for 2018 programs and education. We will concentrate on education in the following year.
 - Speaker Justin Duncan. Holistic Plants
 - A session on Key Hole Gardens.
 - Dining Diva, cooking with herbs
 - Birds Unlimited
 - Speaker Brenda Smith for Bonsais
 - Speaker Phoebe Lakes
 - Speaker Bob on Staghorn ferns
 - Speaker Heather on Insects

3. Our member phone list needs to be updated and a contact number given for each member in case of emergency on outings and field trips.
4. Dale discussed the need for a decorating professional to take over Christmas decorations for Chappell Hill Main Street businesses. The cost of this service would be approximately \$5,000 for the first year when decorations and lights would be purchased. These decorations would then be boxed and stored and costs for subsequent years would be less. Dale recommended that CHGC donate \$500 toward this service. A motion was made by Paula Barrett for CHGC to donate \$500. The motion was seconded by Portia Perino. The motion carried by a majority.

Old Business

1. **Name Tags** – Please give all name tag updates to Jere Hill.
2. **Christmas Home Tour Fundraiser**
 - Members are asked to please sell tickets and take flyers to local businesses such as banks and doctor's offices to promote good attendance.
 - Sponsorships have been given by the Del Sol Food Company, Lenda Weld, Revolution Printing and the Chappell Hill Café.
 - PR – Jayne Hollywood has contacted other garden clubs and chambers of commerce. Bennie Yates and Paula Barrett are working with radio stations. Dale is contacting the Banner. The event has been added to the marquees for Century 21, Best Western and Brenham National Bank. Dale asked Cheryl to check with the Washington County Chamber of Commerce to see if they are spreading the word. Shannon Webb is taking tickets and flyers to her club. The Tower Oaks Garden Club has approximately 35 attending.
 - The board is working on signs for Layla to print.
3. **Duties of docents during Christmas tour:**
 - CHGC name tags are to be worn by docents during the Christmas tour. Attire for docents for the Christmas Home Tour was discussed, such as whether to wear club aprons or holiday attire. Susan Baumann made the motion that docents wear holiday attire. The motion was seconded by Jere Hill. Motion carried.
 - The assignments of docents to houses was covered at this time. Each docent will receive a copy of the assignments when finalized. If you have not already done so, please contact Dale if you want to serve as a docent as soon as possible. Docents need to work the whole day of the tour. Please bring a sack lunch. Docents will also get a sheet telling about the homes where they will be working.
 - Home tour hosts will be provided with corsages for tour day.
 - All visitors must first report to the Bluebonnet House and show their tickets to get maps for the tour. No tickets will be sold nor maps given out at the tour homes. There will be folks working the counter at Bluebonnet House for will call tickets and late ticket sales. There will be signs at each house to say that tickets are required. Each tour guest must have their ticket punched before being admitted to the home.
4. **Docent Home Tour**
 - Docents will be treated to a tour of the homes on Friday evening, December 8th, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Pick up your name tags Friday evening at the Bluebonnet House. We will tour the houses together, starting with Kathy Parker's house and ending with a cocktail party at the Taylor's home.
5. **Christmas Party**
 - Paula Barrett and Helon Loep have worked hard to put together a great Christmas Party. This will be held December 13th at Design II on Austin Street from 11:00 to 2:00. Be sure to...
 - Pay for your lunch - \$20.00
 - Purchase a \$20 gift for the gift exchange and bring it wrapped.
 - Dress in comfortable holiday attire.

6. A gift card was presented to Bob and Sue Markos to thank them for their generosity in hosting the plant swap for several years.
7. Jere Hill is working with the library to organize the section for garden books. There will only be one shelf provided and there are lots of books for her to sort through.

Susan Baumann made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Sally Gaines. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Regards, Tommie Montgomery for Ellen Mills