

CHAPPELL HILL GARDEN CLUB

February 12, 2020

The Chappell Hill Garden Club opened in prayer led by Pam Waldren, followed by the pledge of allegiance at 10:10 am.

Present were 39 members and two guests, Shirley Rigamonti and Judy Furnish, Kim Pope's mother. Shirley joined the club.

Pam Waldren, Loyce Jardell, Kim Pope and Bob Markos provided refreshments.

A motion to approve the January 8, 2020 minutes, as corrected, was made by Dale Dugas and seconded by Jeri Hall. The motion carried.

Treasurer Lynda Harrison gave the financial report. Through 1/31/2020, total income year to date was \$1,355.50 and total expenses were \$655.33, for a net income of \$700.17. The complete financial reports are attached to the original minutes and posted on the website.

Lynda reminded committee chairs to keep up to date with their expenses on the website. If they need more money, they should contact Lynda, who will present the request to the board.

Lynda opened a savings account that will earn interest, leaving roughly \$2,500 in the operating account. Lynda will monitor expenses and add to the operating account as needed.

Lynda reminded members to use the CHGC envelopes when giving her money.

Lynda reported that the Scholarship budget has been increased to \$6,000 in 2020. One thousand dollars was given to Texas Brigade for scholarships for camp. One thousand dollars has been designated for Ileesha Bradford to attend Blinn.

Programs Bob Markos will not be able to host the plant swap in May this year. Diane Wann volunteered to have the party at her house. Libby Kenjura volunteered as a backup.

Loyce Jardell reported on the 2020 programs. March is open and will be a chance for members to get to know each other. Karen Kubeczka will teach members how to access the website. Members with iPad should bring them. If there is interest, Dale Dugas will teach members how to use Instagram and Facebook.

April Field trip to Peckerwood Garden and lunch afterwards

May Plant Swap

June Open

July Field trip to Le Petite Gourmet Shoppe in La Grange for a class on growing and cooking with herbs. This event is limited to the first 25 who sign up and costs \$25.

August Wreath Making

September Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging) by Nanako Tingleaf

October Field Trip to Dallas Arboretum

November Home Tour Planning

December Christmas Party

Scrapbook Kay Little showed members the beautiful scrapbook of the home tour that was given to the homeowners as thank you gifts. An extra book was made for the club. Kay also showed the garden club 2019 scrapbook she created, which is available for sale for \$35.

2019 Business of the Year Dale Ramey announced that the Chamber of Commerce named the Chappell Hill Garden Club business of the year. Angela Rutland, Debra Faver, and Dale Dugas decorated the tables for the banquet. Angela showed pictures of their creative center pieces. The Garden Club was featured on the front page of the Banner Express.

Digging Up History The joint fundraiser with the Historical Society will be held on Saturday, May 9 on Main Street in Chappell Hill. Docents will be available in the historical buildings to tell the history. Katherine and Gary Pullins will be replacing Marilyn Thomason as co-chair for the event. A sign-up sheet to docent was passed around.

Main Street Cleanup Debbie Roberts reported that there was a good turnout at the last cleanup. The next one will be Wednesday, March 4, when we will mulch and need lots of help. Bevers has been added to the beds the club maintains. Garden Club signs will be put in the beds soon. Plants for

the Memory Garden will be purchased, but not planted or maintained by the club.

Debra Faver reminded members that Debbie Roberts has many wonderful gardening tips on the website.

Refreshments Bennie Yates announced that she will open the church at 9:15 for setup of meetings, but not any earlier. Bennie and Tom Yates set up before and clean up after each meeting and would welcome help from members.

Outreach Dale Dugas has sent 8 letters to potential new sponsors for the home tour and 24 letters to returning sponsors, asking them to sponsor the home tour in 2020. Dale encouraged members to support 2019 sponsors and thank them.

Flag Maintenance Dale Dugas reported that both flags at FM 1155 and SH 290 have been replaced and repaired and cleaned. Dale is working on a plaque of the certificate from Senator Lois Kolkhorst, dedicating the flags.

Seed Library Debbie Roberts brought the seed library for members to take seeds. She reported that the inventory is dwindling and there hasn't been much participation. If members do not contribute seeds over the next six months, the program will be discontinued.

Christmas Party Paula Barrett reported that like tables were decorated by members in 2019, trees will be decorated in 2020. She passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the 6 team leaders.

Docent Party Kay Little will chair the party for docents after the pre-home tour on Friday, Dec. 11.

Home Tour Bennie reminded members to put \$10 a month in their home tour jars. By the time tickets are available in September, everyone should have \$90 to buy their tickets.

Website Karen Kubeczka is updating the website as she receives information. She has created a wonderful membership roster with pictures of each member. Kay Little took pictures of members who didn't get their pictures taken in January, and these will be posted on the website soon.

Rosters were passed around for members to verify and correct their information.

Scholarships Dale Ramey urged members to encourage people to apply for scholarships. Contact Sally English for more information.

Program Craig Jackson, nursery manager from Peckerwood Garden, gave a program on new, underutilized and rare plants.

Bennie Yates made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Paula Barrett. The meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley