

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

November 2, 2020

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting began at 2:42. Present were Bennie Yates, Karen Kubeczka, Lynda Harrison, Carol Madeley, Dale Ramey, Paula Barrett, and Shirley Rigamonti.

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 R. asked the committee to send a thank you card to Libby.

Main Street Beautification A successful cleanup was held Friday, Oct. 30. Flowers, including bluebonnets, were planted at the Post Office and along Main Street. The sprinkler system is working well.

At 2:48, the board closed the meeting and moved to Executive Session.

At 2:57, the meeting resumed.

Karen moved to eliminate Special Projects as a line item in the 2021 budget. Carol M. seconded the motion, which passed. Dale R. will complete the plaque project at the flag poles at Valero, using money allocated for Special Projects in 2020. In 2021, there will be budget line items for The Memory Garden and Main Street, but no Special Projects.

Home Tour Paula reported on the tree decorating contest. Because of several members no longer attending due to covid, the teams are unequal. Paula will add Jana Lefebvre to a team and make sure the teams are satisfied with their numbers.

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

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

A gift for the Holloways was discussed.

Kay Little and Karen will create books of the tour for the homeowners.

Bennie will ask Jere Hill to make nice nametags for the sponsors.

A docent schedule will be available at the November meeting.

Paula and Dale D. will organize a posse to distribute fliers soon in Brenham, Bellville and Hempstead. Fliers will be sent to garden clubs, the Chappell Hill United Methodist Church silent auction and the Jingle Bell Market. Lana McDaniels will sell tickets at The Bluebonnet Garden Club. Nikki Thornton will be asked to sell tickets at The Chappell Hill Historical Society.

Dale R. will purchase radio ads.

Programs The October program on Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging, by Nanako Tingleaf was well-received.

Shirley presented an extensive, detailed tentative program schedule for 2021. The board thanked her for her hard work.

After much discussion, the board decided against bus field trips to Moody Gardens and the Dallas Arboretum in 2021 due to the prohibitive cost.

The revised tentative schedule follows.

In January, Donita Brannan from Moody Gardens will speak.

In February, the club will have a Valentine party. Sacks will be distributed to members in January. Members will bring their decorated sacks to the February meeting and Valentine cards or candy to put in each bag.

In March, Jana Lefebvre, who owns Garden Full of Blooms, will talk about her flower bed setup.

In April, Nikki Thornton will be asked to do a program on Easter decorating.

The plant swap will be in May.

In June, there will be a field trip to see the sunflowers at Wilder Farms in Snook, followed possibly by lunch at Martha's Bloomers.

Connie Wilder of Funky Art Café will do a cooking demonstration at the church in July.

In August, Texas Brigades will give a program, with student remarks.

Jay White, of The Texas Gardener, will give a program in September.

In October, the club will decorate pumpkins.

A business and home tour planning meeting will be in November.

In December, there will be a Christmas party.

Shirley will finalize plans. Since the club will not be paying for any busses for field trips, Shirley kept the Programs budget at \$1,000, the 2020 amount.

Treasurer Lynda Harrison provided financial reports, which are attached to the original minutes. The balance in the operating account as of 10/31/20 was \$5,405.76 and the balance in the savings account was \$20,489.75.

Lynda reported that \$5,100 has been collected for home tour tickets, and \$4,750 has been collected from sponsors and donors, for a total of \$9,850. Budgeted income for the home tour is \$15,830. Dale R. has collected more sponsorships that have not yet been included.

Lynda will send an email to committee chairs reminding them of the November deadline to request budget changes in 2021.

Membership Dale R. reported that Portia Perino will be moving and will not be a member in 2021.

Karen reported the happy news that she found a good home for the potbellied pigs she found!

Being no further business, Bennie moved to adjourn; Carol M. seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary