

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

February 3, 2020

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting began at 2:05. Present were Dale Ramey, Karen Kubeczka, Bennie Yates, Paula Barrett, Lynda Harrison, Carol Madeley, Marilyn Thomason, Jere Hill, Sandy Pillion, Carol Locke, Dale Dugas, Kay Little, Debbie Roberts, Debra Faver, and Libby Beckenbaugh.

Christmas Party Chair Paula Barrett reported that the 2020 Christmas party will be at the Brenham Country Club. A deposit of \$500 has been paid to reserve the date, Wednesday, Dec. 16. Funky Art Café is being considered as caterer.

The Christmas Party committee consists of Paula, Tommie Montgomery, Angela Rutland, Debra Faver and Libby Kenjura.

Digging Up History Dale Ramey is the chair of the committee and Marilyn Thomason is co-chair. 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 about the history. The committee will research the history and coordinate docents. A sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting.

Main Street Cleanup Debbie Roberts and Debra Faver are co-chairs of the committee. A successful make up clean-up was held January 29. The next cleanup will be on Wednesday, March 4, when we will mulch. Debbie recommended getting back to the schedule of first Wednesday of the month, rain or shine. Bevers has been added to the beds the club maintains. New Chappell Hill Garden signs will be put up soon. Plants will be furnished for the Memory Garden, but the club will not plant them. Tom and Bennie Yates will paint the decorative post office box.

Debra Faver reported that she and Dale Dugas have been watering on Main Street.

Seed Library Chair Debbie Roberts reported that the seed inventory is dwindling and there hasn't been much participation. She will ask for seeds

at the February meeting. If members do not contribute seeds over the next several months, the program will be discontinued.

Nametags Chair Jere Hill reported that due to illness, she hasn't been to many meetings and thanked Bennie for being her co-chair.

Flyers Chair Sandy Pillion will be in charge of distributing flyers for fundraisers. She will ask for volunteers at the February meeting.

Social Correspondence Chair Libby Beckenbaugh will ask members to call her with requests for condolence, get well, etc. cards, rather than going through Dale Ramey. Libby also sends cards to members who miss two meetings in a row.

Refreshments Carol Locke is the chair and Twyla Kingsley is the co-chair. Carol reported that four members have signed up to provide refreshments through April. The list will be circulated at the February meeting to fill in the rest of the year.

In February, Pam Waldren, Loyce Jardell, Kim Pope and Bob Markos will provide refreshments. Carol will send the list to Karen to update the website.

Treasurer Lynda Harrison reported that the budget is on the website and will be updated as needed. Lynda encouraged committee chairs to monitor their expenses and if they run low on funds, to let Lynda know.

Scrapbook Chair Kay Little created beautiful scrapbooks of the home tour that were given to the homeowners as thank you gifts. An extra book was made for the club. It was a much bigger job than Kay expected, so she may not do it again next year. If she does, Karen Kubeczka volunteered to help.

Lea Wie took individual pictures of members at the January meeting, which are posted on the website and will be part of the scrapbook. Lea did an excellent job taking photos and Karen did a wonderful job including them on the membership roster. Lea will be available to take additional pictures at the February meeting.

Docent Party Chair Kay Little will chair the docent party before the home tour and work with the caterer.

Outreach Chair Dale Dugas reported that she has sent out 8 letters to potential new sponsors for the home tour and 24 letters to returning sponsors. She thanked previous sponsors and asked all to consider a sponsorship for the 2020 home tour. The sponsorship levels are \$1,000 for a full page ad, \$500 for a half page ad, \$250 for a quarter page ad, and \$100 for a business card.

Flag Maintenance Chair Dale Dugas reported that both flags at FM 1155 and SH 290 have been replaced and repaired and cleaned. Classic Care gave a 50% discount for cleaning the flags. Dale Dugas sent a thank you note to Classic Care. She will work on getting a plaque made to put by the flags.

The American flag at the Memory Garden was replaced in January 2020.

Facebook and Instagram Dale Dugas is helping Chair Paula Barrett with social media. Dale created an Instagram account for the club, where she is spotlighting 2019 Home Tour sponsors. Dale will encourage members to “like” and “share” the posts and will create a tip sheet for members, explaining how to do so at the March meeting.

Website Chair Karen Kubeczka is updating the website as she receives information. She will also update the Resource Book. Karen will hand out her Website Tip Sheet and explain how to access the website at the March meeting.

At this point of the meeting, committee chairs were excused.

Scholarships/Funding At the January meeting, Chair Sally English presented an application from Ileesha Bradford for a scholarship. Carol Madeley made a motion to give Ileesha a \$1,000 scholarship to attend Blinn. Bennie Yates seconded the motion, which passed.

The club has supported Texas Brigade with \$500 scholarships for camp the last few years. Carol Madeley made a motion to present Texas Brigade with a \$1,000 scholarship for camp. Lynda Harrison seconded the motion, which passed.

Home Tour Two homes have been finalized for the 2020 tour: Pam Hall’s home and Carol and Mike Ziegler’s home, both on Wonder Hill. Nikki

Thornton's home, The Mulberry House, will not be on the tour in 2020, but hopefully, will be included in a later tour. Several suggestions were made for additional homes.

The board discussed displaying the trees that will be decorated by members at the Providence Baptist Church. The rug hookers and the flute choir may also be at the church. Dale Ramey will call about using the church.

Tickets will be available in September. Members must buy five tickets at that time. Bennie will remind members at each meeting that they should be saving \$10 a month to pay for their tickets.

Secretary Carol Madeley presented an updated Welcome letter for new members. Lynda made some changes and the letter was approved by the board.

Karen has made many updates to the membership roster. She will bring a few copies to the February meeting and ask members to verify their information.

Carol will provide membership applications at the February meeting. She will remind members who need to pay dues, fill out applications, and have their picture taken, and give new members a notebook.

Treasurer Lynda Harrison presented a preliminary budget with actuals through January. The reports will be updated before the February meeting.

Lynda reported some problems with collecting sponsorships for the 2019 home tour. She suggested sending invoices to the sponsors as soon as they commit, then send invoices until they pay.

Lynda moved that the Fundraising Account of \$6,207.17 be changed to a savings account, which will earn interest. Bennie seconded the motion, which passed.

Lynda moved that \$2,500 be left in the operating account, and the balance moved to the savings account. She will monitor the account and replenish with funds from the savings account as needed. Dale Ramey seconded the motion, which passed.

Committees A list of committees with chairs and members will be available at the February meeting for sign ups. All members must sign up for a committee, and if they do not, they will be assigned to a committee.

Paula moved to adjourn; Bennie seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary