

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

November 29, 2021

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 2:31. Present were Carol Madeley, Dale Ramey, Karen Kubeczka, Shirley Rigamonti, Lynda Harrison, and Bennie Yates.

Quorum was established.

Shirley moved that the November 1, 2021 minutes be approved. Karen seconded the motion, which passed.

Treasurer's Report Lynda will send financial reports before the budget meeting Dec. 20. Lynda has received budget requests from all committees. The meeting will be at noon at the church. A catered lunch will be provided. Lynda will send reminder emails.

There was discussion about increasing dues, cost of the Christmas party and home tour tickets in 2022. Final decisions will be made at the budget meeting.

Garden Tour Cynthia Clayton's Gold Heart Ranch will be on the garden tour Saturday, May 7. Texas Star Winery will serve wine during the tour at Gold Heart Ranch.

Sandy Smith is having knee surgeries and will not be able to chair the garden tour committee. Dale Ramey agreed to chair the committee. There was discussion about other gardens to include in the tour and the cost of the tickets. A gift, such as a rose, for all the mothers on the tour was suggested.

Home Tour The owner of La Bahia has requested cars from the 1920s and 1930s to be parked on his property for the home tour. If anyone is willing to park their car, they should contact Dale Ramey. Michael Solar will pay two deputies to direct traffic and help with parking at his house. He will have golf carts available to transport people from their cars to the house.

Shoe covers will be provided at each home. The club has a box of shoe covers. Carol will email members, asking if anyone has access to more covers.

Bennie reported no problems with the docent schedule.

Dale Dugas will make nametags for homeowners and their families and sponsors donating over \$500.

Dixie Ford's house will be featured in the Brenham Banner-Press article on the home tour.

Members will meet at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church at 4 pm on Friday, Dec. 10. Docents, homeowners and spouses, and donors of \$500 or more will tour the homes. Members are encouraged to thank the sponsors and homeowners.

The first stop will be the Masonic Lodge where the stackable flower pot contest will be displayed. Carpools will then go to Three Gables in Bluebonnet Hills, then Seybert's Place and 3-B Farm in Woodland Hills. The pre-tour will end up at La Bahia for the cocktail party. Loyce Jardell is catering the party.

Docents should be at their homes by 9:30 or 1:30 Saturday, Dec. 11. Docents should not let anyone into a home without a ticket. Ticket holders will go to The Bluebonnet House to pick up the map. Dale Dugas will distribute maps on Main Street, Chappell Hill. Extra maps will be available at each home.

Docents should wear comfortable holiday attire and their nametags. Nametags will be distributed at the cocktail party. Sacks with punchers and extra brochures will be given to one of the first docents at each house.

Stackable Flower Pot Contest Members were divided into six teams to create different assigned Christmas characters out of flower pots. The creations must be completed by Dec. 10. They will be displayed at the Masonic Lodge, along with The Round Top Ruggers rug show. The public and members may make silent auction bids on the characters. The winners will pick up and pay for their character at the end of the home tour.

Further details about delivering the pots to the Masonic Lodge will be provided later by email.

Scrapbook Mandy Forbes is the chair of the home tour scrapbook. Karen and Debra Salcedo will also take pictures of the home tour. They will arrange a time to take some pictures at the homes before the tour.

Committees Bennie brought a list of committees and their chairs to the November general meeting. Members must decide on which committee they will join at the January meeting. Karen added a line on the application form for committee choice.

There was discussion about the committees and the maximum number on each committee. The list and suggested revisions and numbers is attached to the original minutes. Final decisions about committees will be made at the budget meeting.

Programs Shirley presented the schedule of programs for 2022.

January Speaker from Washington County EMS

February Speaker from Trees of Central Texas

March Mike Shoup of Antique Rose Emporium will speak

April Field trip to Antique Rose Emporium with a picnic lunch

May Plant Swap and Pot Luck

June Open

July Jenn Mcloughlin will speak on compost and healthy soil

August Texas Brigade

September Speaker from Timeless Herbs and Oils

October Field trip to BeeWeaver Honey Farm in Navasota and lunch at Martha's Bloomers.

November Business Meeting

December Christmas Party

Secretary Carol will send several informative emails about the home tour, ticket sales, the garden pot contest, the Christmas party, and committee choices at the January meeting.

New Projects There was discussion about two new projects proposed by members. Darlene Wyatt asked the club to maintain the beds at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church. The board was interested in taking on the project, with details to be decided later.

Jenn Mcloughin and Bob Markos proposed a butterfly garden at a local school. After discussion about the difficulty in staffing the current projects, the board decided not to move forward with the idea.

Community Events A meeting with TxDOT will be held at the fire station in Chappell Hill on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022 from 6-8 pm.

Bennie moved to adjourn; Shirley seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary