

## Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

February 1, 2021

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting began at 2:34. Present were Bennie Yates, Karen Kubeczka, Lynda Harrison, Carol Madeley, Dale Ramey, Paula Barrett, Debi Faver, Shirley Rigamonti, Jeri Hill, Dale Dugas, Loyce Jardell and Sally English.

**Scholarship** Sally English presented a list of suggestions for changes to the scholarship application, which is attached to the original minutes. After discussion, Dale Ramey and Lynda Harrison agreed to update the application, incorporating Sally's suggestions. Sally will make the final review.

**Committee Chairs and Duties** There was discussion about new committee chairs. A new chair for either Website or Scrapbook is desperately needed to reduce the workload on Karen. Possibilities were discussed. At the meeting in February, members will be strongly asked to chair one of the two committees.

Dale Dugas also has too many jobs, so a new chair is needed for the Outreach Committee. Sandy Smith has agreed to chair the committee. Jayne Hollywood will help her by compiling a list of garden clubs.

A new committee will be formed in 2021 for the home tour contest. Twyla Kingsley will chair the committee.

A new Advertising committee will be formed in 2021. Loyce Jardell agreed to work with Dale Ramey on the committee.

New committees for Friday Night Cleanup at the Pre-Tour party and for Fundraiser Flier Distribution are needed.

**Main Street Cleanup** Debi Faver presented a schedule by month for 2021, which is attached to the original minutes. Debi said the budget of \$1,500 is sufficient. She will organize a group of volunteers to clean out the storage unit.

The next cleanup is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 3, starting at 10 am.

**Refreshments** Loyce Jardell will pass around a sign-up sheet for refreshments in 2021, through January 2022. All members, except board members, must help with refreshments at least once a year. If they do not sign up, Loyce will assign them to a month.

Loyce and Bennie will meet soon to see what supplies are needed.

At the February meeting, Kim Pope, Jodi Rodriguez, Dixie Ford and Judy Furnish will bring refreshments.

**Christmas Party** Paula Barrett reported that the Brenham Country Club has already been booked for the 2021 party.

**Nametags** Jeri Hill reported that she will order name tag holders.

**Home Tour** There was discussion about the home tour. Dale reported she already has two or three homes for the 2021 tour. The possibility of including the Rock Store on the tour for the rugs and the contest next year was discussed. However, problems include insufficient space and lighting.

Additional advertising was recommended for 2021, including banners over the road near HEB in Brenham. Dale Ramey will check on prices and dates for the banners.

Dale Ramey reported that the club will apply for HOT (hotel occupancy tax) money that can be used for advertising for the home tour. County Commissioner Candice Bullock will give Dale an application.

**Flag Maintenance** Dale Dugas reported that a plaque at the flags at Valero is needed. She showed a certificate received from Congressman Michael McCaul congratulating the club for being chosen Business of the Year by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. Dale Dugas will present the certificate at the February meeting.

**Programs** Shirley Rigamonti reported the program at the February meeting will be a Valentine party. Carol Madeley will email members reminding them to pick up their bags at The Bluebonnet House. Members should bring their decorated bags and cards, candy or other treats to put in every bag at the meeting.

Debi Faver volunteered her house as back up for the May plant exchange. Diane Wann is scheduled to have the party at her house, but her husband is currently undergoing medical treatment.

Shirley said the January meeting on Moody Gardens was such a big success, many members want to take a field trip to the gardens. Previously, the board decided the cost of a bus to Galveston was prohibitive. Shirley did further research and found Durham Charter Services would provide a bus to Moody Gardens for 40 passengers for \$848.00. The bus would depart from Chappell Hill United Methodist Church at 8 am and return at 4 pm. There was much discussion about the field trip. The board agreed to reconsider the cost. Shirley will pick a day and present it to the members at the February meeting to see how many want to go.

At this point, committee chairs were allowed to remain at the meeting, but were permitted to leave. All chairs left while the board remained.

**Membership** There was discussion about the deadline for paying dues. The board agreed the deadline will be at the February meeting. If a member does not pay dues by the February meeting, they will no longer be members. Carol Madeley will send an email to this effect to members. Bennie and Dale Ramey will call all members who have not paid dues before the meeting. Lynda will give Bennie and Dale the latest list of those who haven't paid dues.

**Budget** Lynda presented the proposed budget, line by line. A copy of the preliminary budget is attached to the original minutes. After much discussion, a few changes were made. Donations were increased by \$600 to include a 2021 donation by the Simons for flags. Dale Ramey will talk to the Simons about the donation.

The budget for Programs was increased by \$1,000 for the bus to Moody Gardens. Scholarships were decreased from \$10,000 to \$9,000 to offset the program increase. The budget for Scholarships will be \$3,000 over the 2020 budget.

Other minor changes were made. Instead of budgeting money to purchase a handheld microphone for meetings, Bennie will ask the Chappell Hill United Methodist Church trustees if the club can use the church's microphone.

Lynda will present the final budget to the members for approval at the February meeting.

**Resource Book** Karen and Lynda updated the Resource Book after the December board meeting, incorporating all the recommendations. Because of the late time, the board did not go through the entire updated Resource Book. However, many of the changes were discussed at different times during the meeting. Karen will include all the revisions discussed, then send the updated book to the board for final review. After board approval, Karen will send the revised book to be printed. All members will receive a copy at the February meeting.

Lynda will make all necessary motions to update the Resource book at the February meeting. Lynda presented a list of motions, which is attached to the original minutes. A few changes will be made before the meeting.

Bennie moved to adjourn; Karen seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley  
Secretary