

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

March 3, 2021

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened in prayer by Dale Ramey at 2:35. Present were Bennie Yates, Karen Kubeczka, Lynda Harrison, Carol Madeley, Dale Ramey, and Shirley Rigamonti.

Board Members Paula Barrett resigned so she can spend more time with her new grandbaby. The board appointed Shirley Rigamonti to serve the remaining term of Paula's office.

Programs Shirley Rigamonti reported the Valentine party at the February meeting was a success.

Nikki Thornton Rooney will present an Easter Flower Arrangement Demonstration at the March meeting. Nikki will be paid \$150 for fresh flowers for the program. There was discussion about whether members should be paid for presenting a program. A suggestion was made to give members a local gift certificate in lieu of cash. Shirley will make the decision on payment to members.

In April, Jana Lefebvre is hopeful that she will be able to host the meeting at her garden. If her garden has too much damage from the freeze, Jana may instead give a program at the church.

The plant swap will be held in May at Diane Wann's home, or Debi Faver's home as a backup.

Shirley is working on the June meeting to see sunflowers in Snook and lunch at Martha's Bloomers.

Shirley decided to delay the field trip to Moody Gardens until September or October, when hopefully, more members could attend.

Dale Ramey reported that Joel Romo will speak briefly to the club at the beginning of the March meeting. Joel is the new President of the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Bennie reported that Chappell Hill United Methodist Church will let the club use their microphone. Bennie and Tom will learn how to use it.

Scholarship Dale Ramey and Lynda Harrison will update the scholarship application, incorporating Sally English's suggestions. Sally will make the final review.

Main Street Cleanup Eleven members helped at Main Street Cleanup on March 3. Jana Lefebvre sent bachelor button and bupleurum seedlings to be used on Main Street or by members.

Advertising Dale will put the home tour on the Chronicle's fall calendar only this year. She will pay for the advertising in August. Dale will call the City of Brenham to ask about getting a banner over the road by HEB in Brenham. Other suggestions for advertising the home tour were the app Next Door and additional banners in other areas.

Dale is hoping to get some HOT (hotel occupancy tax) grant money that will be used for advertising. County Commissioner Candice Bullock will give Dale an application.

Refreshments Loyce Jardell has a sign-up sheet for refreshments in 2021, through January 2022. The list is attached to the original minutes. Karen noted that while there are volunteers for May and June, they are not needed because of the plant swap in May and lunch at a restaurant in June. Dale will ask Loyce to revise the list.

At the March meeting, Gary and Catherine Pullins and Tom Yates will bring refreshments.

Flag Maintenance Bennie will work on getting a plaque by the flags at Valero. Dale will talk to the Simons about a donation for the flags.

Treasurer's Report Lynda reported the combined bank balance on Feb. 28 was \$25,627.68, consisting of \$20,490.77 in the savings account and \$5,136.91 in the operating account. Net income through Feb. 28 was \$358.69. Dues of \$1,075 have been collected through Feb. Angela Rutland and Jody Clough are the only members who have not paid dues, but they have been sick.

Lynda moved that \$1,000 be given to Texas Brigade in 2021. Bennie seconded the motion, which passed.

There was discussion about renewing the club's membership in the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce. Dues are \$100. The Chamber has not been helpful or cooperative in the past. When Joel speaks at the March meeting, he will be asked what the club can expect to get for their membership.

Fourth of July Float Dale will ask members if they are interested in having a float in the Chappell Hill Fourth of July Parade.

Committee Chair Needed No one has contacted Karen about taking over the scrapbook or website. A new chair for either Website or Scrapbook is desperately needed to reduce the workload on Karen. At the meeting in March, members will be asked again to chair one of the two committees.

Community Outreach There was discussion about ways the club could help the community. Options will be researched.

Bennie moved to adjourn; Lynda seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary