

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

April 12, 2021

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

Refreshments Loyce has only received four reservations for lunch at Funky Art Café after the meeting April 14. Carol will send an email today telling members the deadline to sign up for lunch is noon tomorrow, April 13.

There was discussion about the need for members to sign up for events in a timely manner.

Loyce will bring a sign-up sheet to the April 14 meeting for sides for the plant swap May 12.

Programs Shirley Rigamonti reported the April 14 meeting will be held, rain or shine. Jana Lefebvre reserved a room at St. John's Lutheran Church so we can have the meeting even if it's raining. If the weather is nice, we will tour Jana's flower farm after the meeting.

The plant swap will be held in May at Diane Wann's home, or Debi Faver's home as a backup. Bennie said we could have the swap at the church if it's raining.

Shirley is working on the June meeting to see sunflowers in Snook and lunch at Martha's Bloomers. There was discussion that three field trips in a row is too many. Shirley will see the sunflowers in early May and make a decision then about the June meeting.

Scholarship One scholarship application has been received from Ileesha Bradford. Ileesha was a scholarship recipient in 2020 and is a second year student at Blinn. Lynda passed around a nice letter from Ileesha and will email it to the board. Lynda moved that a \$1,000 scholarship be given to Ileesha. Bennie seconded and the motion passed.

Fourth of July Parade Debi Faver has been working on ideas for an entry to the Chappell Hill Fourth of July Parade. Debi will present a budget at the

April 14 meeting. Lynda said one of the few places in the budget available for the unexpected expense is \$350 budgeted for Member Activities.

Main Street Cleanup The Post Office and Main Street looked beautiful after the Cleanup on April 7. Bluebonnets were overflowing. After the festival, most of the bluebonnets were flattened and squashed by people stepping and sitting on them. Next year, signs and or barriers will be put up to protect the flowers.

At the March meeting, Debi Faver passed around a signup sheet for watering on Main Street. She will let members know if she needs more volunteers at the meeting April 14.

Debi will be invited to the May board meeting.

Correspondence Secretary Kim Pope will be invited to the May board meeting to report on how she is handling cards to members.

Home Tour Dixie Ford volunteered her home for the tour. One of Dixie's neighbors may also be interested in being on the tour. Sally Sengel has agreed to have Starry Nights on the tour. One of Sally's neighbors may also be interested. Carol Locke is in charge of Starry Nights. Dale has another possibility for the tour.

A reservation in November/December for a banner on Highway 36 near HEB announcing the home tour has been secured by Dale. The banner needs to be ordered.

Community Outreach Bennie contacted the Senior Center about donating pet food to be distributed to needy seniors. After discussion, the board agreed to ask members at the April meeting if they are interested in forming a committee to collect pet food. A volunteer is needed to be in charge. If there is no interest, members will be encouraged to individually donate pet food to the Senior Center.

Treasurer's Report Lynda reported the combined bank balance on March 31, 2021 was \$24,233.38, consisting of \$20,491.78 in the savings account and \$3,741.60 in the operating account. Net income through March 31 was a loss of \$1,035.61. The financial reports are attached to the original minutes.

Dues of \$1,150 for 46 members have been collected to date. Jody Clough is the only member who has not paid dues. Dale will call Jody and ask her to pay her dues.

There was discussion about renewing the club's membership in the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce. Dues are \$100. Carol Madeley moved the garden club remain a member for one more year, then the club will re-evaluate its membership. Bennie Yates seconded, and the motion passed.

Committee Chair Needed No one has contacted Karen about taking over the scrapbook or website.

Garden Club T-shirts Shirley suggested ordering t-shirts for members to wear when they are cleaning up on Main Street. Shirley will discuss the idea with Debi Faver.

New Member Notebooks Karen Kubeczka designed beautiful new covers and spine inserts for the new member notebooks.

Brenham Banner-Press Dale plans to start submitting her weekly Chappell Hill articles to the Brenham Banner-Press. The articles keep the community updated on the activities and happenings of the Chappell Hill Garden Club.

Shirley moved to adjourn; Lynda seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary