

## Chappell Hill Garden Club

July 8, 2020

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer led by Libby Kenjura at 10:04. Present were 31 members and one guest, Cathy McNurlen.

Tommie Montgomery, Libby Kenjura, Judy Furnish and Carol Locke provided refreshments.

A motion to approve the June 10, 2020 minutes was made by Tommie Montgomery and seconded by Susan Baumann. The motion carried.

**Home Tour** Dale Ramey reminded members that they are required to purchase five home tour tickets at the September meeting. The requirement has been mentioned at every meeting and Bennie has reminded members to save their money all year. The application form that all members updated listed the requirement.

Last year, several current members didn't buy any tickets. This year, if a member chooses not to buy their tickets, they will no longer be a member in 2021. The club spends a lot of money on scholarships and community outreach and cannot do this without a successful fundraiser. Member purchases of tickets ensures a profitable campaign.

Another requirement that will be strictly enforced next year is that members pay dues by the February meeting. Dale discussed how the club has gotten too large to operate as loosely as it did in the past.

Bennie reminded members that they should have \$70 in their home tour ticket jar by now.

Dale explained the different sponsorship levels for the home tour. Sponsors spending \$100 receive a business card sized ad in the program. Sponsors spending \$250 receive a half page ad and two free tickets to the home tour. Those spending \$500 or more receive full page ads, two free tickets to the home tour and two invitations to the Friday night pre-tour and party. Lynda

Harrison designed the new sponsorship letter. If anyone has suggestions for sponsors, please contact Dale Dugas or Dale Ramey.

Dale Ramey reported the tour needs one more home. If anyone has suggestions, please contact Dale.

Paula Barrett reported that the club will purchase six identical Christmas trees to be decorated by members. The theme will be The Twelve Days of Christmas. The decorated trees will be displayed at the Providence Church. Home tour visitors will vote on the best tree. The winner will be announced at the Christmas party. Teams will be given a two to three hour time slot to decorate their trees.

Paula announced the six team leaders: Nikki Thornton, Twyla Kingsley, Dixie Ford, Cheryl Robinson, Sandy Smith and Pam Waldren. Paula distributed a list of teams and themes, which were both randomly chosen, to the team leaders. The list is attached to the original minutes.

**Scholarship/Funding** Dale Dugas wrote an excellent article that was published in the Brenham Banner-Press about the scholarships the club gave to Jules Mokry, Katie Murski, Allison Meisner, Ilesah Bradford Anna Keniston and Texas Brigade.

**Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July Contest** Debi Faver reported that the club tied for first place in the contest. She thanked Debbie Roberts for the beautiful Memory Garden design with its red, white and blue flowers; Debi's husband, Tommy, for all his help; Cheryl Robinson for donating the 4 by 4s and everyone who helped paint and set up. Debi handed out thank you stars to the volunteers. The club will keep the posts to use next year. Take down is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, starting at 8 am.

**Programs** Loyce Jardell reported that fourteen members are going to the cooking with herbs field trip to La Petite in La Grange on July 9 or 15.

In August, Nikki Thornton will teach a class on wreath making. Nikki asked members to start collecting dried flowers and plants for their wreaths. She showed examples of wreaths and boxes of material examples. Members should bring a glue gun, clippers, dried materials and wire. Any painting or glitter should be done at home. The club will provide the wreaths. An email

will be sent, asking members to sign up for the class so the correct number of wreaths will be purchased.

Loyce will retire as Program Chair in 2021. A new chair is needed.

Dale discussed tentative program plans for 2021. In January, a speaker from Moody Gardens will possibly speak. Later, the club may take a field trip to Moody Gardens. A garden tour of four or five member's gardens may occur in the spring. Two good speakers are being sought. Members will be encouraged to present programs.

**Main Street Cleanup** Debi Faver thanked members for their enthusiastic participation in Main Street Cleanup. She reported that about fifteen members have been helping each month and doing a great job. Debi gave July workers cute pins.

**Treasurer** Lynda Harrison reported the balance in the operating account at June 30, 2020, was \$1,700, and the balance in the savings account was \$19,988. Net income at 6/30/2020 was a loss of \$3,692. The loss is to be expected until the club has the annual Christmas home tour in December. Complete financial reports were available for member's review and are attached to the original minutes.

Lynda reported that \$6,375 has been spent or committed for scholarships and community outreach, which is \$375 over budget. Of the 6 scholarships, Texas Brigade has been paid \$1,000. The remaining \$4,500 will be paid in 2020. Eight hundred and seventy four dollars was spent on meals for community health workers at the Brenham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, the DaVita Brenham Dialysis and St. Joseph Family Medicine Brenham.

Lynda has filed the club's tax return.

Lynda has copies of the tax exempt forms, which should be used whenever a member buys something for the club. As a 501(c)(3), the club does not pay sales tax.

Lynda encouraged committee chairs to check the actual vs. budget report on the website to ensure they have adequate funds.

**Vice President** Bennie raffled lovely plants in a decorative planter . The winner was Paula Barrett. Virginia Malinowski brought a jar of homemade fig and strawberry jam for the raffle and Angela Rutland was the lucky winner.

**Program** Sandy Smith presented a beautiful program on “Gardens Divine!”

Bennie moved to adjourn; Carol Madeley seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley  
Secretary