

Chappell Hill Garden Club

August 11, 2021

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer by Bennie Yates at 10:01. Kord Mikolajchak, with the Texas Brigade, led the pledge of allegiance. Dale Dugas led us in singing God Bless America. Present were 23 members and one guest, Mary Armato. Mary joined the club.

Refreshments were provided by Susan Baumann, Helen Loep, Shirley Rigamonti and Cheryl Robinson.

A motion to approve the July 14, 2021 minutes was made by Karen Kubeczka and seconded by Debi Faver. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report Financial statements are available on the website. The combined bank balance as of July 31, 2021 was \$16,159.76, consisting of \$12,992.47 in the savings account. Net income through July 2021 was a loss of \$10,578.60. A \$1,000 sponsorship has been received.

Lynda Harrison reported the board approved the Christmas Home Tour be designated as one of the club's "Sales Tax Free Days."

Lynda has received Christmas Home Tour and Christmas Luncheon money from several members and reminded everyone to use the designated envelopes when giving her money so she can correctly record it. Dale also has envelopes at her shop. She encouraged chairmen to look at their budgets online.

Lynda announced the club will increase Texas Brigade scholarship money to \$1500 for the 2022 budget year.

Old Business The board discussed and decided not to pursue getting involved with the Sample Cemetery at this time.

Main Street Cleanup Debi Faver thanked the volunteers who helped with cleanup on August 4. Debi gave the volunteers a token of appreciation. Debi reminded the club of the watering schedule and to include the garden at Bever's Kitchen. The sprinklers at the post office were discussed as was an

inquiry if they are working. Dale Ramey recognized and thanked Gary Pullins for his help, dedication and always bringing his equipment on cleanup day. The next Main Street Cleanup will be on Wednesday, September 4.

Programs

Celeste Dickschat with Texas Brigades gave the club an overview of the organization. The club donated \$1,000 scholarship money which pays for two camp attendees.

The Texas Brigade motto is:

“Tell Me and I Forget

Show Me and I Remember

Involve Me and I Understand”

The Texas Brigades is a wildlife-focused leadership development program for high school youth (ages 13-17). There are different camps: Bobwhite Brigade, Buckskin Brigade, Bass Brigade, Waterfowl Brigade, Ranch Brigade, and Coastal Brigade. Cadets learn habitat management, communication skills, and develop a land ethic. Each camp is 5 days long.

The camps are held on private ranches and at environmental camps in different areas of the state. In addition to learning animal anatomy and behavior, botany, nutrition, habitat management, population dynamics, etc., cadets learn valuable leadership skills as well as public speaking.

Two cadets discussed the camps they attended. Logan Mason gave a presentation on Fly Fishing and Kord Mikolajchak discussed cattle management. DeeAnna Marek, an adult leader at North Texas Buckskin Brigade, discussed deer education.

Keely Mikolajchak, a former cadet and assistant leader at Ranch Brigade, is running for Washington County Fair Queen and has tickets available for purchase. The fair runs September 11-18, 2021.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for program ideas for 2022.

Shirley Rigamonti showed examples of the pumpkins the club will make in October and passed out a supply list so members can start looking for their

fabric and other supplies. For anyone who missed the meeting, Dale has supply lists at her shop.

Lynda Harrison shared her favorite garden tool, a Garden Hoe & Cultivator purchased at Overstock.com. Loyce said Lowe's also carries them.

Home Tour Bennie Yates reminded members they should have \$90 in their garden club jars by September. Bennie will begin distributing tickets at the September meeting so members should bring your money. \$100.00 is final amount for home tour tickets by each member. If any new members want jars, they should contact Bennie.

Garden Tour Dale Ramey asked members if interested in having a garden tour in 2022, the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. This would be in addition to the home tour and tickets would be sold, price still to be determined. Members are to start thinking about gardens of members or non-members to be on the tour, probably about 5 gardens.

Christmas Party Debi Faver gave an update on the Christmas party to be held at the Brenham Country Club on Wednesday, Dec. 15 and reminded members to block out plenty of time for the white elephant gift exchange. The Country Club has a new chef who is working on a menu. Tickets may be purchased for \$20.

Loyce Jardell will cater the Christmas Home Tour cocktail party and presented a possible menu. Gary & Katherine Pullins volunteered to be on her committee as well as Dale Dugas and Cathy McNurlen.

Scrapbook This position has been filled by Jenn Mcloughlin.

Bennie held a club raffle (3/year) and encouraged members to purchase tickets to make it worthwhile to hold these raffles. Shirley Rigamonti's name was drawn and she took home the white duranta in a large bird planter.

Dale Ramey mentioned the club may be adding two more board members and if anyone is interested to let her know.

Dale Ramey read a thank you letter from the 2021 Washington County Texas Brigade Cadets.

Dale Dugas asked members to keep Beau and Diane Wann in your prayers as Beau will be undergoing another brain surgery.

Nikki Rooney mentioned Basecamp Farms is having a sale this Saturday, August 14, from 9:00-12 noon. The sale will include fall blooming flowers, a few veggies and herbs. They are located at 23683 Ward Rd. Navasota 77868.

Being no further business, Twyla Kingsley moved to adjourn; Kim Pope seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Rigamonti