

Chappell Hill Garden Club

August 12, 2020

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer led by Darlene Wyatt at 10:05. Present were 30 members and one guest, Chloe Locke, Carol Locke's granddaughter.

Susan Baumann, Helon Loep and Jayne Hollywood provided refreshments.

A motion to approve the July 8, 2020 minutes was made by Dale Dugas and seconded by Katherine Pullins. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Lynda Harrison reported the combined balance of the two bank accounts as of July 31, 2020, was \$17,878.83 Net income through July was a loss of \$7,522.16. 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 on the website.

Lynda reported that all 2020 scholarships have been paid. The club received thank you notes from Anna Keniston and the Brenham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

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

Home Tour Bennie Yates collected money from members for home tour tickets. Members are required to buy five tickets to sell or give away. Additional tickets are available for members wanting more than five tickets. The deadline to buy tickets is at the next meeting, September 9. Tickets are also available at The Bluebonnet House on Wednesdays and Fridays from Bennie.

Dale Ramey reported that she has four confirmed homes, Hall's Half Acre, Half Mile Road Ranch, Pom Pom Mansion, and The Sunset Belle, and the Providence Baptist Church for the 2020 home tour.

The rug hookers and the decorated Christmas trees will be at the Providence Church.

Home tour visitors will be able to social distance and wear masks. Flyers are being printed and when they are available, Carol Madeley will send an email to the members. Everyone is encouraged to post flyers around the community.

Dale Dugas and Dale Ramey are working on securing sponsors. If members have any suggestions for sponsors, please tell Dale or Dale.

A docent schedule will be developed soon. Because of the virus, allowances will be made this year regarding the requirement to docent. If a member chooses not to docent this year because of the virus, there will be no penalty. Members should let the board know by October if they will not docent.

Paula Barrett reported on the team tree decorating. Trees will be purchased soon and be available to the teams in September. On Dec. 5, teams will decorate their teams in shifts of two to three hours. This will be the only time trees can be decorated. On Jan. 7, the trees will be taken down.

Paula Barrett asked the six team leaders, Nikki Thornton, Twyla Kingsley, Dixie Ford, Cheryl Robinson, Sandy Smith and Pam Waldren, to contact their team members.

Main Street Cleanup Debi Faver thanked members for their enthusiastic participation in Main Street Cleanup. She reported that thirteen members helped in August. Debi gave August workers a token of appreciation.

Debi and Dale Dugas have been watering on Main Street on Mondays. Debi asked for volunteers to water on an additional day. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Christmas Party Paula reported that the Christmas party will be on Dec. 16 at the Brenham Country Club. Lunch will be catered by Funky Art Café. A white elephant gift exchange will be held. Members should bring a \$20 wrapped gift that they would like to receive. The exchange is one of the highlights of the year and takes several hours, so members should plan to be at the party until 3 pm. Tickets cost \$20, which covers most of the cost of the food.

Programs Loyce Jardell will retire as Program Chair at the end of this year. Dale Ramey thanked her for the excellent job she has done and asked for volunteers for 2021 Program Chair.

Dale discussed tentative program plans for 2021. Two outings are planned for 2021, one possibly to Moody Gardens. Dale asked for input for program ideas.

Updated information on the Website Karen Kubeczka added Sandy Smith's July program, "Gardens Divine", to the website under the "Members" area. It's a large file so allow five to ten minutes to download it. Karen put the YouTube video links Sandy recommended underneath the presentation so they can be accessed without downloading the entire program.

Paula Barrett moved to adjourn; Judy Furnish seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:35.

After refreshments, Nikki Thornton gave a fabulous presentation on making grapevine wreaths and everyone had fun creating their own wreath.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary