

CHAPPELL HILL GARDEN CLUB

September 11, 2019

The Chappell Hill Garden Club opened in prayer led by Bennie Yates at 10:06 am.

Present were 32 members.

Kay Little, Twyla Kingsley and Paula Barrett provided refreshments.

A motion to approve the August 14, 2019 minutes was made by Dale Dugas and seconded by Paula Barrett. The motion carried.

Treasurer Lynda Harrison gave the financial report for Angela Rutland.

As of 8/25/19, total revenue was \$1,954.00 and total expenses were \$6,683.54, resulting in a \$4,729.54 loss; and total fundraiser revenue was \$700, and fundraiser expenses were \$1,066.60.

Lynda made the following recommendations. The fiscal year should remain the same, ending 12/31. This ensures expenses and revenue are matched in the same time period. A preliminary budget should be made at the end of the year, but the final budget should be approved in January.

Home Tour The home tour will be Saturday, December 14 from 10 am until 5 pm. All members are expected to docent. Bennie and Dale Ramey will prepare a docent schedule, which will be available at the October meeting. Mary Ann Urban and Robin Hill have conflicts and will not be able to docent.

Dale Dugas reported \$3,875 in sponsorships has been committed or paid.

Each member is responsible for selling or buying and giving away five tickets at \$20 each. Bennie distributed tickets to members who paid for their tickets. Members who missed the meeting or did not pay for their tickets can pick their tickets up at The Bluebonnet House. When members sell or give away their five tickets, they can get more tickets at The Bluebonnet House.

Flyers were distributed to members, who were encouraged to put them up at stores, restaurants, etc.

Paula Barrett has put the home tour on Event Brite on Facebook. Paula encouraged everyone to share the event with friends and family.

Main Street Beautification Main Street Cleanup has been cancelled until it rains. The next cleanup is tentatively scheduled for September 18 but if it's still too dry then, it will be delayed until October 2. More details will be sent in an email.

Dale Dugas, Debbie Faver, Susan Baumann and Bennie Yates have been watering on Main Street.

Programs Dale Ramey encouraged members to think about programs they'd like to have in 2020. The next meeting will be Oct. 16. This is the third, rather than the usual second Wednesday of the month because of the Scarecrow Festival. The program will be on pesticides and insecticides.

Christmas Party The party on December 18 will be held at Lillian Farms. Members were encouraged to buy their tickets to the Christmas party. Tickets are \$20, which covers the cost of the catering. The deadline for purchasing tickets is at the next meeting, Oct. 16.

Table captains should be meeting with their table members to begin work on their table decorations. Barbara Segal said the tables can be decorated on December 11-12. Paula will coordinate times with the table captains. After the home tour and before the Christmas party, table captains will be responsible for removing all the decorations, other than centerpieces and plates.

Dale Dugas reported that Jet Set Chocolates, a home tour sponsor, will donate chocolates for the Christmas party.

Paula announced that ornaments from the 2018 Christmas party were available for those who paid for but did not attend the party. Sharon Miller is the only one who had not picked up her ornament by the end of the meeting.

Flag Maintenance Dale Ramey announced that the Simons family has committed to donate \$500 for 2020 flag maintenance.

Dale Dugas requested the club buy small flags to put on the graves at the Masonic Cemetery on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. The board passed a motion to purchase the flags, spending up to \$350. Dale Dugas will coordinate volunteers to put out the flags and pick them up a week later.

Membership Robin Hill is the newest member. Debbie Robert's husband, Danny, is having health issues. Karen Kubeczka's mother in law passed away. Loyce Jardell's sister passed away.

Field Trip in 2020 Dale Ramey is working on a bus trip to the Dallas Arboretum in the fall of 2020 to see the pumpkin display.

Website Karen Kubeczka reported that Jere Hill has several four-foot-tall oak trees in her yard that she will give to whoever will come and dig them up. Contact Jere Hill if you are interested.

Refreshments Paul Barrett reported that the church is open at 9:30 on meeting days for those bringing refreshments to set up. Supplies, such as plates and plasticware are available. Please bring ice. At the Oct. 16 meeting, Karen Kubeczka, Carol Madeley and Charlene Yezak will provide refreshments.

Correspondence Dale Ramey read a thank you note from Texas Brigade, who received a \$500 scholarship from the club.

Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held at The Bluebonnet House Thursday, Sept. 19 from 5-7. Everyone is invited.

Master Gardener Class Bluebonnet Master Gardeners are accepting applications for the 2020 class, which will be at the Washington County Fairgrounds from Jan. 16-April 23 from 8:30-12:30. The cost is \$175. To learn more, visit the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Website or attend the Open House, Jan. 9 from 11:30-1:00 at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

Landowner Summit will be held Friday, October 11 at the Washington County Fairgrounds from 8:30-3:30. A presentation on Landowner Liability will be presented by Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, Agricultural Law Specialist.

Other speakers will talk about the ecosystem of your property, feral hogs, erosion control and mole and gopher control. The program is presented by Texas Master Naturalists. Preregistration is \$30/person on or before Oct. 8 and \$40/person after Oct. 8. For more information, call the Washington County Extension Office at 979-277-6212.

Tom Yates made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Gary Pullins. The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

After the meeting, Pete Parker, President of the Houston Bonsai Society, presented a program on bonsai.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley