

Chappell Hill Garden Club

Sept. 9, 2020

The Chappell Hill Garden Club meeting opened in prayer led by Libby Kenjura at 10:03. Present were 31 members and one guest, Jana Lefebvre, who joined.

A motion to approve the August 12, 2020 minutes was made by Jere Hill and seconded by Dale Dugas. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Lynda Harrison reported the combined balance of the two bank accounts as of August 31, 2020, was \$19,597.74. Net income through July was a loss of \$8,838.25. The loss is to be expected until the club has the annual Christmas home tour in December. Income from ticket sales, sponsorships and the Christmas party, totaling \$3,155 will not be recognized until December. Complete financial reports were available for member's review and are on the website. They are also attached to the original minutes.

Lynda reported that all 2020 scholarships have been paid. The club received a thank you note from a member of the Texas Brigade. Tommie Montgomery reported that one of the scholarship recipients, Anna Keniston, is her great niece and is very appreciative of the scholarship.

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

Home Tour Dale Ramey reported that four homes and the Providence Baptist Church are confirmed for the tour. Karen Kubeczka is working on the map for the tour. Home tour flyers were distributed to members, who are encouraged to pass them out to people or post them around the community. More of the larger flyers will be available at The Bluebonnet House next week.

Paula Barrett showed an example of the trees for the team tree decorating contest. Team leaders picked up their tree after the meeting. Paula reminded leaders to save the boxes for storage. The decorated trees will be displayed at the Providence Baptist Church. Home tour visitors will vote on

the best tree. On Dec. 5, teams will decorate their trees 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.

The Rug Hookers will also be at the Providence Baptist Church.

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 September 9. If any members have not picked up their tickets, they will be available at The Bluebonnet House on Wednesdays and Fridays from Bennie.

Dale Dugas reported \$1,075 in sponsorships has been collected and another \$600 has been committed. Dale is working on securing more sponsors.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for docents. 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 are unavailable to docent.

All docents, \$500 or \$1,000 sponsors and the Rug Hookers are invited to the pre-home tour on Friday, Dec. 11. The cocktail party will be at The Sunset Belle, the last house on the pre-tour.

Dale Ramey reported some houses have already committed for the 2021 home tour.

Main Street Cleanup Debi Faver thanked members for their enthusiastic participation in Main Street Cleanup. Debi gave September workers a token of appreciation.

Debi, Dale Dugas, Karen Kubeczka and Paula Barrett have been watering on Main Street.

Debi asked members to give her gardening tips that will be shared at meetings.

Second Fundraiser in 2021 Dale Ramey suggested the club have a second fundraiser in 2021. Ideas include a garden home tour or a wine tasting at Gold Heart Ranch. The event will be low key, with no sponsors and \$10 tickets. Members were asked to think about the event and contribute their ideas and thoughts.

Programs Dale Ramey asked Shirley Rigamonti to be Program Chair in 2021. Shirley agreed. Dale asked members for program ideas. A speaker from Moody Gardens is tentatively scheduled for January 2021 and a tour of the gardens is tentatively scheduled for February 2021.

Dale thanked Nikki Thornton for her wonderful wreath making class in August. She also thanked Gary and Katherine Pullins, Debi Faver and Karen Kubeczka for helping Bennie and Tom Yates clean up after the meeting.

Membership Our newest member is Jana Lefebvre.

Marian Wills has resigned due to her cancer treatment but hopes to re-join in the future. Dale encouraged members to send Marian a card.

Dale Dugas moved to adjourn; Twyla Kingsley seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:49.

After the meeting, the club went out to lunch at The Bluebonnet Herb Farm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley
Secretary