

Chappell Hill Garden Club Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2018

Before our meeting today, two cadets from the Texas Brigades, Katy Perkins and Jannett Guerrero, gave a presentation about their experiences in the sessions they attended this summer. Texas Brigades is a program that teaches leadership through wildlife and conservation. Texas Brigades is one of the recipients of scholarships given out by CHCG this year. These young women were most engaging and it was a pleasure to see their excitement and hear them speak.

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Ramey at 10:25 a.m. There were 27 members and 1 guest present today.

Minutes: There were no corrections or revisions to the minutes of the July meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as sent out by Secretary Tommie Montgomery was made by Carol Madeley. The motion was seconded by Jayne Hollywood, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Angela Rutland gave this report.

Expenses: \$10,607.48

Revenue: \$1,576.97

Regular Account Balance: \$3,636.72

Fundraising Expenses: \$11.20

Fundraising Revenue: \$1,350.00

Special Account Balance: \$14,050.26

Angela gave a further detailed accounting of the expenses to the club. Large expenses include scholarships, the 10th anniversary party and the flag pole project.

Welcome to Guests and New Members: President Dale welcomed Carol Locke, who has become a member, and new members Twyla Kingsly and Sandy Smith.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker today was Robert "Skip" Richter, one of Texas Agrilife's County Extension Agents for Horticulture. His topic was on "Landscape Made Easy" and was given at the end of the business meeting. Skip showed us several examples of water conserving and attractive landscapes, examples of not so attractive or welcoming landscapes, told us about plants that do well in dry conditions and kept us all entertained with amusing anecdotes. He gave us information about two Internet sources you may want to check out.

On Google, type in **crape myrtle skip richter** and the first link that comes up will be a site for crape myrtle varieties.

Another site Skip told us about is a national one where you can ask experts questions about plants.

<https://ask.extension.org/ask>

New Business:

- President Dale commended Angela for all her work for the club as treasurer.
- The flagpoles and flags should be up by August 20th. There will be a special presentation on Thursday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m., in which Texas State Senator Lois Kolkhorst is donating a Texas flag. The presentation will also be attended by CH Historical Society President Joe Romo and CH Chamber of Commerce President John Wick. There will be a photo op with the Banner Press, so everyone is encouraged to attend. Please meet at the drive into the Valero Station off of Hwy 1155.
- Susan Baumann brought bulbs to share with everyone.
- There is a new restaurant in town, the Shabby Cupboard, located right next to the post office. The chef and proprietor is Rebecca Clanton-Lewis, who is a Food Network winning baker.
- President Dale reports that a watering hose has been purchased for use at the Rock Store.
- The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will host a coffee on Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Rock Store.
- On this Friday at 10:00 a.m. members were encouraged to help move the stuff from the old storage unit to the new air conditioned one, which is located in storage building #19.

Old Business:

- **Flag Pole Project:** The flagpoles will be 35 foot bronze colored poles with solar lighting and will be entirely on Valero property. We thank Dale Dugas for being willing to maintain the flags, for this will be quite a job. Richard, the manager of Valero, has been very enthusiastic and supportive of this project. The club will have extra flags on hand as backup.
- **Christmas Home Tour Sponsors:** Preparations for the Christmas Home Tour are well underway, and Dale Dugas has been invaluable in getting sponsors for the home tour. Here's just a few of the sponsors who have committed to donations
 - Briannas Salad Dressing/Del Sol Food Company - \$500
 - Linda Weld of Classic Labradors— sponsoring tickets
 - Weikel's Bakery - \$100
 - RWG Construction of Brenham - \$500
 - Better Homes and Gardens Realty - \$250
 - Chappell Hill Bank - \$100
- There are "Save the Date" flyers available for distribution at club meetings and the Bluebonnet House.
- A sign up list to be a docent on the Christmas Tour was passed around at the meeting. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far.

Committee Reports:

- **Outreach Committee – Dale Dugas:** No new reports
- **Beautification Committee – Debbie Roberts:** Debbie thanked everyone that showed up for Main Street Cleanup Day. Clean up went very quick thanks to the great turnout.
- **Refreshment Committee – Paula Barrett and Jayne Hollywood:** Paula thanked Nancy McClure and Tommie Montgomery for hosting today's refreshments. We used bright summer colors to decorate, and had broccoli, green and chicken salads, croissants, cake and cookies, and tea and lemonade. Nancy also provided flower arrangements for the tables of bright yellow flowers from her garden in blue vases, which Bennie later gave away as door prizes! The hosts for September are Angela Rutland and Susan Prewitt. Susan is away taking care of a family member, and Paula asked for a replacement for her. Jere Hill and Katherine Pullins have come forward to fill in for Susan.
- **Name Tag Committee – Jere Hill:** Jere asked new members to expect a call from her regarding making a name tag for them.

- **Program Committee – Susan Baumann:**
 - The speaker for the September meeting will be from Wild Birds Unlimited and will be about the Top Twenty Feeder Birds.
 - In October there will be a field trip to Texas A&M. It will be October 17th, the third Wednesday instead of the second.
- **Scrapbook Committee – Kay Little:** Kay had the new photo frame set up and displaying photos of club events and it is fabulous! She reports that it is easily portable. Kay asks that we send photos to her or to Karen, and that there is an app that supports the use of the photo frame.
- **Christmas Party – Paula Barrett and Helon Loep:**
 - Paula reports that this will be the “funnest Christmas party ever”.
 - Helon Loep is retiring from this committee and Susan Baumann has offered to take over from Helon.
 - The Christmas party will be the 2nd Wednesday in December at Design II. The cost for the party will be \$20 per member and each member is asked to bring a \$20 gift for the gift exchange.
 - President Dale reports that it has been suggested that we change next year to Brenda at Honeysuckle Coffee Bistro, and asked members to think this over.
- **Facebook – Paula Barrett:** Paula reports that there will be a Facebook Event posted in October about the Christmas Tour.
- **Seed Library – Debbie Roberts and Nancy McClure:** Debbie reports that this is the right time to collect seeds for zinnias, sunflowers and marigolds. The seed library has larkspur and other seeds available. Interested parties should check with Debbie and Nancy after meetings. Dale R. is going to get seeds for verbena and toothache plant from Libby and they will be available in the library next month.
- **501C3 – Karen Kubeczka:** No new reports.
- **Scholarship Committee – Sally English:** No new reports.
- **Corresponding Secretary – Libby Beckenbaugh:** Libby B. was not present at today’s meeting. Members are reminded to be sure and get emergency contact information in if they haven’t done so already.

Raffle by Bennie Yates: Today’s raffle was for a plant stand and plants and the winner was Katherine Pullins. Door prizes, including the table decorations, were given to Nancy McClure, Jayne Hollywood, Carol Madeley, Jere Hill, Paula Barrett, Barbara Segal, Twyla Kingsly and Portia Perino.

Skip Richter gave his presentation at this time.

Angela Rutland made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Paula Barrett. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.