

Chappell Hill Garden Club Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2018

The meeting was opened at 10:14 by President Dale Ramey. Virginia Malinowski gave the opening prayer. There were 23 members and one guest present at today's meeting.

Minutes: Dale Ramey reported that minutes for the April and May meetings were deferred to June due to our outings in those months. Dale Dugas made a motion to accept the March minutes as posted. The motion was seconded by Susan Baumann. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Angela Rutland:

Expenses: \$4,814.14

Revenue: \$983.97

Regular Account balance: \$3,546.72

Special Account balance: \$18,075.12

Dale welcomed our guests, Tualla Kingsly and speaker Cynthia Graham. She also welcomed and introduced new member Nancy McClure from Cypress.

Refreshments: Today's refreshments were provided by Paula Barrett, Kay Little and Virginia Malinowski. We enjoyed colorful and delicious salads, among them chicken, fruit and corn and a yummy queso, complemented by breads, crackers, chips and cookies. Kay also brought a lovely flower arrangement for the table. Thanks to the hostesses for a wonderful repast on a hot summer day!

New Business: Dale Ramey informed every one of the need to form some new committees and positions to share responsibilities.

- Outreach Committee – This committee is for contacting other garden clubs and organizations to develop new contacts and look into sharing opportunities and expenses for guest speakers. Dale Dugas volunteered to take charge of this committee.
- Correspondence Secretary – This position is to handle the writing of cards and letters such as sympathy and thank you wishes and to send notices of upcoming opportunities for speakers and gardening events. All communications must be cleared with Dale Ramey before being sent. Libby Beckenbaugh has volunteered to take over these responsibilities from Tommie.

Old Business:

- The 10th Anniversary Party was fabulous! Libby Kenjura has shared how much she enjoyed hosting the party and her Butterfly Girl yard decoration.
- Dale made remembrance of Ellen Mills and spoke of what a great loss her passing is to her friends and family, and to our organization. She read aloud the thank you note received from Ellen's family for the flowers sent. We also received thanks from the Methodist Church for all the food provided by garden club members for the meal after the services for Ellen.
- Dale gave an update on the flag pole project. The letter to Circle K has gone out requesting permission to put in the flag poles. Thanks to Dale Dugas for helping make revisions when Tommie was out of town. TXDOT has given the go ahead to cut down the trees. Dale Ramey is working with an appropriately insured tree service to get this done. The flag poles are to be 30 to 40 feet tall and will be lighted by solar lighting. Dale Dugas will be

taking care of putting the flags at half-mast when necessary and seeing that the flags are maintained in good condition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification – Debbie Roberts:

- Recognition was given to Debbie for taking care of the last mulching at the post office, which she took care of all alone.
- Debbie gave a report on the seed library, including a handout on what seeds are available in the library and what can be planted now. She demonstrated how to save seeds from several flowers that are currently going to seed. Nancy McClure has volunteered to assist Debbie with the seed library.
- Debbie thanked everyone who helped with the June Main Street cleanup. Turnout has been good at the last two clean ups. (Please note: Cleanup for July will be held on June 27th.)
- Debbie has purchased a good shovel, 2 leaf rakes, 2 dust pans and some hand tools to use during the clean ups. She is still on the hunt for some economical clippers.
- Irrigation at the Post Office – There has been a problem getting water everywhere and some of the plants have been drooping. Libby and Richard Kenjura have been taking care of this and are going to try some different sprinklers.

Art Design – Jere Hill: Jere reports that all nametags are up to date. She has had very little expense this year because the supplies purchased last year have been sufficient. She also reports having had trouble with her phone if anyone has had difficulty in contacting her.

Refreshments – Paula Barrett and Jayne Hollywood:

- With the increase in membership, next year we will have 3 members per meeting to provide refreshments.
- July Refreshments – Susan Baumann and Cheryl McKeown are in charge of July refreshments. Cheryl is home and doing well, but still recovering from her recent hospital stay. There are people who can step in for her for July if needed.

Scrapbook – Libby expressed the need to pass this responsibility along, and Kay Little has graciously agreed to take over this committee. If you have photos to share, please send them to Kay.

Christmas Party – Paula Barrett & Helon Loep:

- Paula and Helon report that exciting things are in the works for the Christmas party on December 12th at Design II. It's a surprise and will include extra special things to continue the 10th anniversary celebration.
- Christmas party money of \$20 is due by December 1st. Be on the lookout for your gift swap item, \$20 limit. (2019 membership of \$25 is due by the end of January, 2019)

Website – Karen Kubeczka:

- The membership roster is up to date.
- Karen will be posting photos of the 10th anniversary on the website.
- Karen has added a video on flowers to the website.
- Check it all out at chappellhillgardenclub.com.

503C – Karen Kubeczka: No updates. All records are in order.

Facebook – Paula Barrett: There was discussion of making our Facebook page private. This is being checked into and will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

Scholarship: Sally English: The board reviewed all applications received by the deadline and the following scholarships were awarded.

- \$500 was awarded to the Brenham Christian Academy. This will be used to help a student who would not be able to attend private school otherwise.
- \$500 was awarded to Joseph Robinson, who is attending Texas A&M to become an Ag teacher. The money will be used to help with summer school classes. Joseph is the son of Cheryl Robinson and she shared with us how excited Joseph is to receive this help. Joseph plans to visit the club later in the year.
- \$500 was awarded to the Texas Brigade.

Program Committee – Susan Baumann:

- In July our speaker will be Adam Black from Peckerwood Gardens.
- In August the topic will be “Landscape Design Made Easy” with speaker Skip Richter.
- Please make note of a change in the October meeting from the 2nd Wednesday to the 3rd Wednesday of the month, due to the Scarecrow Festival. Our meeting will be a field trip to Texas A&M Gardens on October 17th.

Christmas Home Tour:

- Dale has two homes lined up and two “maybes” in the works. This year advance tickets will be \$20. Advance ticket deadline will be December 1st. After December 1st the price will go up to \$30. Member ticket sales and return of any unsold tickets should be done by December 5th.
- The board needs help with publicity and securing sponsors for the Christmas tour.

Additional Discussion:

- A new way of turning in money is needed to make accounting easier and more efficient for Angela. Karen and Angela are working on envelopes to use when turning in money for dues, Christmas party, ticket sales and donations.
- Garden club bags are in and may be purchased by members at the cost of \$15.00.

Guest Speaker: Cynthia Graham gave us many insights into how to improve our indoor and outdoor environments and health by using plants and plant extracts in lieu of commercial chemicals.

At this time, Bennie conducted the raffle of a gazing ball and a wrought iron plant holder in the shape of a chair. The winners were Lea Wei and Dale Dugas.

Sally English made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Dale Dugas. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Important Date Changes to Note:

July Main Street Cleanup changed to June 27, 2018.

October meeting – Field Trip to Texas &M Gardens on October 17, 2018.