

Chappell Hill Garden Club Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2018

The meeting was opened at 10:10 a.m. by Dale Ramey. Bennie Yates gave the opening prayer. There were 22 members and 2 guests present at today's meeting.

Minutes: Susan Baumann made a motion to accept the June minutes as posted. The motion was seconded by Jere Hill. The minutes were approved as sent.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Rutland gave the treasurer's report.

Expenses: \$5,595.00

Revenue: \$1,476.97

Regular Account balance: \$3,611.72

Special Account: \$18,309.27

Dale welcomed new member Sandy Smith and our guest speaker, Adam Black.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker today was Adam Black, Director of Horticulture at Peckerwood Gardens in Hempstead, Texas.

Refreshments: Refreshments were provided by Susan Baumann and Libby Beckenbaugh, who generously filled in for Cheryl McKeown. Decorations were a cheery patriotic theme in red, white and blue. We enjoyed wraps, sandwiches, pasta salad, and chips, with delicious mini cupcakes and fruit pie for dessert.

OLD BUSINESS:

Flag Pole Project: Circle K has approved putting in the flagpoles. We are responsible for the flags and Circle K will provide the insurance. Dale Dugas will be responsible for maintaining the flags. Dale Ramey reported that an overpass will be put in sometime in the next five years, and that we should consider putting in a pole that is taller than 30 feet. Dale has contacted the Historical Committee for their input and they do not see any problem with the flagpoles.

Christmas Home Tour:

- This year's tour will be on December 8th. There will be 5 locations on the tour, 4 homes and the United Methodist Church. The Houston Flute Choir and the First Baptist Church choir will be giving performances at the Providence Church. The homes are the Simons White House on 1155, the Hughes home on Doe Run, Kay Little's home on Copeland Springs, and Tom Stephens 1868 dog run cabin.
- Advance tickets will be \$20 and late tickets will be \$30. The board are asking members to take 5 tickets each to sell and money must be turned in by December 1st. The tickets should be available by the September meeting.
- Sponsors are needed. Sponsorship letters are available from Dale.

- Save the date flyers are available from Dale. Please get some and post them around town to advertise the home tour.
- It is very important that as many members as possible serve as docents the day of the tour.
- Sandy Smith asked about flyers to go with the tickets. Dale will have rack cards to give out to ticket purchasers. Maps will be given out the day of the tour to ticket holders.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dale introduced Billie Sue Stephenson, guest of Bob Markos.
- Dale made an apology to Bob for failing to get a plant to him in remembrance of Sue.
- **Turning in Money** – Karen reported that Angela seems to get money thrown at her and that makes it very difficult to keep track. So she and Angela have been preparing labels for envelopes to be used to turn in money. There will be one envelope for turning in regular monies such as dues and Christmas party, and another for turning in money for the fundraiser ticket sales. The labels are being printed by Layla at Blinn and Karen is picking them up today.
- **Idea/Suggestion Box** – Bennie has prepared a box for this. Please turn in any suggestions or ideas that you have. It is OK to do it anonymously.
- **Emergency Contact Information:** Dale reminded everyone of how important it is for us to have this information for outings and field trips. For this reason, members were asked to provide information on the July sign in sheet. Bennie Yates has also prepared a membership renewal form for each member to fill out when renewing their membership. These were passed out at the meeting. Bennie asked that members hold on to them and then turn them in when they pay dues for 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Outreach Committee – Dale Dugas: This new committee was formed last month, and Dale Dugas volunteered to head this committee. Dale will be sending out emails to other garden clubs when there is an event to be shared.

Scrapbook – Kay Little: Kay brought a sample of a digital photo frame loaded with garden club pictures. She also brought samples of scrapbooks she has made in the past for members to see. She reported on the price of both 10 and 13 inch photo frames. She asked for members to share any garden club photos for January, February and March of this year with her for the scrapbooks. Mary Ann Urban volunteered to help Kay scan photos from old scrapbooks. Bennie Yates proposed that a 13” digital frame be purchased. Dale Dugas made a motion for this purchase to be made and the motion was seconded by Helon Loep. The motion was passed by a majority by show of hands with no opposition.

Main Street/Beautification – Debbie Roberts: Debbie reported that our next clean-up will be August 1st at 7:30 a.m. There was a good turnout for the July cleanup. Dale reported that the faucet at the Rock Store has been repaired and she will put a hose there for use in watering.

Refreshments – Paula Barrett and Jayne Hollywood: Paula thanked the ladies for today’s refreshments and noted that refreshment hosts for August are Tommie Montgomery and Karen Kubeczka. Karen is not able to host in August, and Nancy McClure has agreed to fill in for her.

Name Tag Committee – Jere Hill: Jere has name tags up to date and made a beautiful name tag for new member Sandy Smith, illustrated with a yellow Angel Trumpet.

Christmas Party – Paula Barrett & Helon Loep: Paula reported on plans for the Christmas party. The theme is to be a surprise. The party will be held on December 12th at Design II. The cost of the party will be \$20.00. We will have a gift swap, and members are asked to bring a gift with a value of about \$20.00 to exchange.

Seed Library – Debbie Roberts & Nancy McClure: Debbie reminded us that seeds are available for planting and that it's a good time to collect new seed. There's a complete listing of seeds and times to plant on the website. Nancy brought Calendula and Larkspur seeds for the library. Debbie called for poppy seeds. A suggestion was made to get permission to scatter seeds at the winery to use some up while they are still viable. Jere Hill says she has some small oak trees coming up to share with anyone who wants a start.

Website – Karen Kubeczka: Karen reports that the website is up to date and there are great things to see.

Facebook – Paula Barrett: No new report.

501C3 – Karen Kubeczka: No new report

Scholarship – Sally English: Angela will get new information to Sally. Dale read a letter of thanks received from the Texas Brigade to us.

Program Committee – Susan Baumann: Susan reported on upcoming programs. The August program will be by Skip Richter on Landscape Design Made Easy. The September program will be by Wild Birds Unlimited. In October we have a field trip to Texas A&M Gardens, where there are 7 or 8 gardens each with a different theme. The November meeting is a business meeting to prepare for the Christmas Homes Tour. The December meeting is our Christmas party.

Correspondence Secretary – Libby Beckenbaugh: Libby sent a thank you note to Carol at Carol's Ice House for her work in putting out flags for the 4th of July.

At this time, Bennie had our guest speaker chose numbers for door prizes and the recipients were Sandy Smith, Mary Ann Urban, and Paula Barrett.

Guest Speaker Presentation: Adam Black gave a presentation on "Under Utilized Trees" for our area accompanied by photo illustrations of trees and of the Peckerwood Gardens.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:35.