

Chappell Hill Garden Club Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 by Vice President Bennie Yates. She presided until mid-meeting; then President Dale Ramey took over. Libby Kenjura gave the opening prayer. There were 25 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes: A motion to approve minutes and corrections as sent out by Secretary Tommie Montgomery was made by Dale Dugas and seconded by Katherine Pullins. Motion carried.

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

Expenses: \$14,957.17
Revenue: \$ 2,254.97

Fundraising Budget:
Expenses: \$672.40
Revenue: \$7,255.00

Regular Account Balance: \$4,326.72
Special Account: \$14,384.17

Welcome to Guests: Guests Vicky Felty and Janice Newman were welcomed.

Speaker: The November meeting was a business meeting and there were no guest speakers.

New Business:

1. In January, the board will be requesting more help from members to serve on the various committees.
2. Jayne Hollywood brought banana peppers to share with the members. Angela Rutland brought starts of turmeric plants to share. The turmeric plant resembles ginger.
3. Upcoming Main Street cleanups – There will not be a cleanup in December. We will be checking the weather for January to see if we can do a cleanup then. The Post Office beds need to be gutted and some plants moved.
4. Dale Ramey requested to move the February meeting to the 3rd Wednesday, February 20th, 2019, instead of the 2nd Wednesday. Cleanup for February will still be the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Old Business:

1. Christmas Home Tour

- a. Docents: Bennie Yates went over the docent schedule to advise members of where they will be assigned.
- b. Morning and all-day docents are asked to report to their assigned house at 9:30 a.m. and to stay until relieved. Afternoon docents are asked to report at 1:00 p.m. and to stay until 5:00 p.m. All docents are asked to wear their garden club name tags.
- c. **Very important!** *No one is to be admitted into the tour homes without a ticket. All tickets must be punched at entry. When the 5th punch is made, take up the tickets.*
- d. Docents are given a private tour of the homes the Friday evening before the home tour. We will meet at the Chappell Hill United Methodist Church Friday, December 7th at 5:00 p.m. to carpool to the homes. There will be a cocktail party afterward at the Little House hosted by Kay and her husband. This treat is for docents only.
- e. Any members not serving as docents that wish to tour the homes must purchase a tour ticket.

2. **DAR Veteran's Coffee** – Last Saturday, November 10th, members Dale, Sally and Virginia provided patriotic centerpieces for the coffee hosted for our veterans. The arrangements were red, white and blue pansies in a red bell pepper vase.
3. **Memory gardens** – Debbie Roberts gave a report on the progress of this project. Debbie, Sandy Smith and Nancy McClure met with the representatives of Texas Ranch Management to tour and discuss the site. These ladies have spent lots of time designing and creating a planting plan. Sandy gave Nancy special recognition for her work in drawing up a plan for everyone to work from. Texas Ranch Management is working on the hardscape and irrigation for the site. There is a drainage problem to work out before planting. Tentatively, the plants to be furnished by CHCG will be ordered in January. Some plants have already been placed in the beds in front of the Providence Church by committee members. Dale Dugas brought up that an area needs to be left around the flag pole there with some kind of mud prevention for maintaining the flags.
4. **Flagpole Project:** Dale Dugas has continued to work on the lighting for the flagpoles, since the solar lighting recommended proved to be inadequate. She worked with a new company, Capital Flags, to provide electric lighting. The power for the lights was tied into Valero's lines and is provided by Valero.

Committee Reports:

1. **Beautification – Debbie Roberts:** Debbie thanked everyone who turned out last week for the November cleanup. There will be no cleanup in December. Gary Pullins was asked to check the weed eaters donated to the club to see if they are viable. Libby Kenjura suggested using Preen in the flower beds to prevent weeds. Libby also reported that her husband Richard removed the timers and drained the hoses before the recent freeze. The timers will be off for the winter.

This is the last month to plant wildflower seeds and bulbs such as daffodils and irises. Tulips should be planted after January.

2. **Refreshments – Paula Barrett/Jane Hollywood:** Thanks to Cheryl Robinson and Helon Loep for today's refreshments of a baked potato bar and yummy cookies. The beautiful fall utensil holders were made by Helon and were a feast for the eyes!

The sign-up sheet for refreshments for 2019 has been started. January refreshments will be provided by Dale Ramey and Dale Dugas. Dale Dugas brought up that we have talked of having three members per month. In the New Year the list will be passed around again and additional members asked to sign up. Bennie advised the membership that the club has coffee pots, coffee, tea, sweeteners, creamers and plates, cups and utensils.

3. **Name Tag – Jere Hill:** Jere reports that she spent a total of \$8.87 on name tags. She was asked to make sure all name tags are completed and available for the docents at the cocktail party.
4. **Programs – Susan Baumann:** The last program of the year is our annual Christmas party. In 2019 President Dale Ramey will be working with Loyce Jardell to plan programs for the year. Loyce was previously in the Galveston Garden Club and has experience. They are talking of bringing in a big name speaker and a possible plant sale. Dale asks for input on programs. Helon Loep reports that Blackwood shares their vegetables at Honeysuckle Bistro through a sign-up program.
5. **Scrapbook – Kay Little:** Kay needs pictures of the new members; however, the newest four were not present at the meeting.
6. **Christmas Party – Paula Barrett/Tommie Montgomery:** A lot of fun plans are underway and you don't want to miss it! Be sure and bring a present that you want to steal. Lie Wie was asked to take pictures at the party. The party is again at Design II at 1200 S. Austin St., Brenham, on December 12th from 11:00

a.m. to 2:00 p.m. *(If you want to attend and haven't turned in your money, it must be turned in by December 1st.)*

7. **Website – Karen Kubeczka:** Monthly garden duties are posted on the site. The Pay Pal button for the Christmas tour is up and running. There is a picture of the flower arrangements for the DAR coffee posted. Next year's refreshment list is posted.
8. **Facebook – Paula Barrett:** Paula was not present today to give an update, but information about the Christmas tour has been posted for some time.
9. **Seed Library – Debbie Roberts/Nancy McClure:** Debbie reports that there has not been very much interest shown in the seed library and they have received very few new seeds from members. Now is the time to scatter seeds for wildflowers.
10. **501C3 – Karen Kubeczka –** Nothing new to report.
11. **Scholarship – Sally English:** Sally sent a letter to Sydney Hahn over a month ago requesting an update on the scholarship provided for her. She has had no response.
12. **Corresponding Secretary – Libby Beckenbaugh:** No new correspondence to report.
13. **Outreach Committee – Dale Dugas:**
 - a. Home tour – Dale D. took over sponsorships and this year sponsors have contributed \$6,175. A list of the sponsors is posted on the website. Way to go Tall Dale!
 - b. In January Dale D. will send this year's sponsors an additional thank you letter and ask them to consider putting CHCG in their budget for the New Year.
 - c. Please give Dale D. the names of any businesses that might be willing to participate as sponsors.
 - d. Dale D. and Libby Beckenbaugh walked downtown Brenham leaving and posting flyers for the Christmas tour.
 - e. Dale D. showed the members the gifts for this year's homeowners. Something new and wonderful and she stayed within budget. (SHHHH – It's still a secret.)
 - f. Dale D. plans to send a letter to the local realtors suggesting tour tickets as a good gift for clients.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kay Little and seconded by Dale Dugas. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.