

## Chappell Hill Garden Club Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2018

The meeting was opened at 10:06 by President Dale Ramey. Carol Madeley gave the opening prayer. There were 29 members present at today's meeting.

**Minutes:** Members were asked if all were receiving their minutes by email and mail and if there were any corrections. Dale Dugas made a motion to accept the August minutes as posted. The motion was seconded by Paula Barrett. Motion carried.

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

Fundraiser Account	Expenses:	\$267.20
	Revenue:	\$2,050.00
Regular Account	Expenses:	\$10,956.91
	Revenue:	\$1,738.97
Account Balances:	xxxx10:	\$3,746.77
Special Account:	xxxx11:	\$14,551.39

Dale welcomed new member Loyce Jardell.

**Guest Speaker:** Our guest speakers today were from Wild Birds Unlimited, Robbie Edie and Shelley Sury.

**Refreshments:** Today's refreshments were provided by Katherine and Gary Pullins and Angela Rutland. On the menu were queso and all the fixings for taco salad, with kolaches and Blue Bell ice cream for desert.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Officer Elections:** First item of new business was to hold elections for the board for 2019. Tommie Montgomery is stepping down, and nominated Carol Madeley for the position of secretary. Carol accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations made by the membership. President Dale Ramey then presented the slate for the 2019 CHCG Board as follows.
  - President – Dale Ramey
  - Vice President – Bennie Yates
  - Treasurer – Angela Rutland
  - Secretary – Carol Madeley
  - Webmaster – Karen Kubeczka
  - Special Director – Paula Barrett

Sally English made a motion to accept the board as stated. The motion was seconded by Dale Dugas and was approved by show of hands.

- **DAR Coffee Flowers:** The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be hosting a coffee in honor of veterans on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Rock Store on Main Street. CHCG will be providing flower arrangements for the tables for this event.
- **Memory Garden** – President Dale reported that the board has been approached by the CH Historical Society to assist in the restoration of the Memory Garden, which is beside the Providence Baptist Church. The beds there are in really bad shape and do not reflect well on the community of Chappell

Hill. The Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce is looking into new landscaping by Texas Ranch Management. The Chamber wants CHCG to come up with a design and recommend and provide the plants to go into the landscape. They are not asking for the garden club to do the actual planting or maintenance of the beds. President Dale asked for input and objections to this request so that the board can move forward. She also asked that a special committee be formed for this project if accepted. There followed a brief question and discussion time.

Dale Dugas made a motion for CHCG to approve, design and provide plants for the Memorial Garden. Bennie Yates seconded the motion. The motion carried by a show of hands.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Storage Unit:** President Dale reported that the CHCG Storage unit has been moved to a new, air conditioned space. Thanks to Jayne Hollywood and Bennie Yates for helping to move the contents to the new space.
- **Dedication of flagpoles:**
  - President Dale reminded us of the dedication to be held at the new flagpoles on Thursday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. The Banner Press will be covering the event and Texas Senator Lois Kolkhorst will be presenting a Texas Flag to the garden club.
  - President Dale recognized Dale Dugas for all of her work with the flags. Tall Dale says that it is an honor to be handling the flags, and reports that she needs help with this responsibility, especially with taking them down.
- **Christmas Home Tour:**
  - President Dale asked each member to take 5 tickets to sell for our fundraiser. Cost per tickets is \$20 each. Money collected may be turned in at the Bluebonnet House or to Angela at the meetings using the special envelopes prepared for this. All advance ticket sales and money are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>. After this date the cost of tickets goes up to \$30.
  - Dale Dugas has worked very hard raising money through sponsors for this year's tour. Thank you to Dale for her great work!
  - President Dale asked that members sign up to be docents if they have not already done so. She reminded everyone that there is a cocktail party the night before for members serving as docents, and that members not serving as docents will need to purchase a ticket to tour the homes on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Correspondence:** Thank you notes were received from the First Baptist Church for our donation for Bluebonnet Festival facilities and from the Texas Brigade for our scholarships for their leadership camp. It was suggested that the Texas Brigade letter be scanned and posted on the website.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Program Committee – Susan Baumann:** Our October meeting will be a field trip to Texas A&M to their teaching gardens. There are six gardens with different themes and the tour will take about an hour and a half. This meeting will be Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and we will gather at the United Methodist Church to carpool to College Station. We will meet and depart no later than 8:45 a.m. A sign-up sheet of who plans to go and who is willing to drive was passed around. Please let Susan know at least a week ahead of time if you are going or not so she knows to expect you.
- **Outreach Committee – Dale Dugas:** Dale Dugas reported that when the flagpoles were put up, the lights were not included. She worked with the flag company to correct this, and the solar lights they provided are not powerful enough to light the flags at night. Because of this, she has been having to

take the flags down every evening and has been doing this with Dale Ramey's help. Working further with the flag company, she was given a direct number to a lighting manufacturer, and they not only agreed to work directly with the garden club but to give us a 40% discount. New lighting has been ordered at a cost of only \$318 thanks to Tall Dale's work and is on the way.

- **Beautification – Debbie Roberts:** Debbie thanked everyone who turned out for the September Main Street clean up. Next month we will start fall planting. We will meet Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Post Office.
- **Refreshments – Paula Barrett and Jayne Hollywood:** Thanks to Angela and the Pullins for providing us with our refreshments today. Paula confirmed that our 2019 May plant swap and pot luck will return to Bob Markos's house. A sign-up list for 2019 refreshments was passed around.
- **Facebook – Paula Barrett:** Paula reports that the Christmas Homes Tour flyer will be posted on Facebook to advertise our fundraiser.
- **Christmas Party – Paula Barrett & Tommie Montgomery:** Paula reminded everyone that the Christmas party will be held at Design II on Austin Street on December 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 a.m. After our catered meal we will have a "white elephant" style gift exchange. The cost to reserve your spot is \$20 and all are asked to bring a \$20 gift to exchange.
- **Name Tag - Jere Hill:** Jere was not present at the September meeting. Tommie is keeping her informed about new members when they join.
- **Scrapbook – Kay Little:** Kay asked to take photos of the new members. Everyone is asked to share any photos they have of last year's Christmas party and home tour with Paula and Kay.
- **Website – Karen Kubeczka:** Karen reports that the website is up to date and that the Pay Pal button for home tour ticket sales is up and running. She also went over the procedure for members to log into the website.
- **Seed Library – Debbie Roberts & Nancy McClure:** Debbie reports that they are ready to collect seeds for next year. Please bring any seeds you collect in a paper sack and not a plastic bag. You may also drop off seeds you collect at the Bluebonnet House. Nancy and Debbie will be getting together to organize and stock the seed library. The current seeds need to be used and she asks everyone to take some. Debbie also reports that now is the time to sow wildflower seeds for the spring.
- **501C3 – Karen Kubeczka:** We are in good order.
- **Scholarship – Sally English:** CHCG has received a request for funds from a young woman named Sydney Hahn of the Brenham Children's Choir. This money would help Sydney to participate in educational trips with the choir. Sally recommends a scholarship of \$250 for this young woman and the board is to approve the request.

**Guest Speaker:** Our guest speakers gave a very informative talk on hummingbirds and hummingbird feeders and products. At the end, there was a drawing for two bird feeders and bird feeding goodies. The winners were Angela Rutland and Mary Ann Urban. More information about Wild Birds Unlimited may be found online at [mywbu.com/cypress](http://mywbu.com/cypress).

**Raffle:** Bennie conducted a raffle for a beautiful plant, and the winner was new member Carol Locke.

Twyla Kingsley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Loyce Jardell. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.