

March 11, 2020

The Chappell Hill Garden Club opened in prayer led by Jere Hill, followed by the pledge of allegiance at 10:07 am.

Present were 25 members and no guests. Dale welcomed new member Shirley Rigamonti.

Susan Baumann, Sandy Pillion, Marilyn Thomason and Libby Beckenbaugh provided the refreshments.

A motion to approve the February 12, 2020 minutes, as sent out, was made by Dale Dugas and seconded by Susan Baumann.

Treasurer Lynda Harrison gave the financial report. The two bank accounts have a total balance of \$25,544.00, of which \$3,500 is in the alternate checking account. Expenses since last month were \$1,000 to Texas Brigade.

Since CHGC is a tax exempt organization, Lynda advised members to give suppliers our Texas Tax Sales Certificate when making purchases for the club. The supplier may have forms to fill out if the club is not already in their system. The tax certificate will be put on the website in PDF format for members to print out and use. It was also mentioned that the form can be put on your phone to show the supplier.

Programs:

April: The program for April 8th is a field trip to Peckerwood Garden. The club will pay the admission fee into Peckerwood. Lunch will take place afterward at the Events Café in Hempstead at the cost of \$15.00 per person, which will include several choices of entrée and a drink. The proprietor of the Events Café prefers payment in cash.

May: The program for the May 13th meeting is our annual plant swap and covered dish lunch, which will be held this year at Diane Wann's. The club will provide fried chicken and members are asked to bring a dish and a plant to swap. A sign up list for what to bring was passed around. Diane told us to bring a lawn chair and that her drive is a gravel road.

Also in May, on the 9th, is the Digging Up History joint fundraiser with the Historical Society. Some of our members are serving as docents.

July: Field trip to Le Petite Gourmet Shoppe in La Grange for a class on growing and cooking with herbs. Loyce Jardell reported that if more than 25 want to attend the class, it is possible to schedule another session. To date, 6 members have signed up for this event. There may be an alternate meeting for those members not going on the field trip.

August: Fall wreath making workshop led by new member Nikki Thorton. Loyce encouraged us to start saving things with which to decorate your wreath.

Door Prizes: Lucky door prize winners were Helon Loep and Shirley Rigamonti.

Scrapbook: If you want to order a garden club book, please see Kay Little.

Main Street Cleanup: The report from the March cleanup was given by “Debi in Training” Debi Favor. There were 7 members who helped with weeding and mulching. Debi said in the future helpers should receive a green thumb award.

Refreshments: All is going well. Bennie will coordinate with program chair Carol Locke.

Outreach: Nothing new to report

Flags: Nothing new to report

Seed Library: Debbie Roberts advised that now it the time to collect seeds from poppies, larkspur, calendula and Johnnie Jump Ups. If members will collect and label them, Debbie will add them to the library.

Christmas Home Tour: Dale Ramey reported that the Providence Baptist Church had begun charging \$250 for the use of the church, and it may not be available for the tree display and rug hookers. An alternative may be the fellowship hall of the old Baptist Church. Dale will check into that possibility.

Scholarships: An additional \$1,000 scholarship has been awarded to Ilesha Bradford who is studying nursing at Blinn. Ilesha sent a lovely thank you letter to the club, which Lynda Harrison read to us.

Program: Karen Kubeczka gave a presentation on how to access and navigate the CHGC website. This was followed by a presentation by Dale Dugas on how to access and navigate the CHGC Facebook page.

A motion was made by Bennie Yates to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Helon Loep. The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.