## **Chappell Hill Garden Club General Meeting**

## January 17, 2024

President Dixie Ford called the meeting to order at 10 AM. She presented a prayer and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established with thirty-five (35) members present.

<u>Minutes:</u> Dale Dugas moved to accept the November 8, 2023 minutes as corrected, Kathryn van der Pol seconded, and all were in favor.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Kay reported that since the Board meeting on January 8, the maturing CD had been renewed for 13 months and an additional \$10,000 CD was purchased.

As of December 31, 2023:

Total Assets \$53,944.86 (\$32,256 cash; \$20,700 in the maturing CD).

Total Income \$45,804.81

Total Expenses \$32,089.01 (Home Tour Net \$28,029; Spring FR Net \$1,689)

Net Operating Income \$13,715.80

The new procedure for taking memberships will be the VP (Bennie) will collect the form and check, give the check to the treasurer, and give the email address to the secretary for communication.

<u>President's Report:</u> Dixie reported the December Christmas lunch will be moved from December 11 to December 18 so that the party takes place after the December 13 cocktail party and December 14 home tour.

Dixie then introduced Allie Meisner, a former CHGC scholarship recipient, who thanked the club for the past four years of club support. Allie graduated debt free from A&M and is currently looking for a job with her BA in Psychology. She is also preparing to go to graduate school to study Industrial Psychology. She presented a certificate to the club and photos were taken with Allie, Dixie and Allie's parents.

## **Old Business**

Dixie thanked all the committee chairs for their outstanding efforts throughout the year and especially during the many December activities and events. She said the Christmas Party still needs a chair for 2024.

**Outreach** - A memorial gift of a tree planted at Lillian Farms in memory of Barbara Segal's son has been suggested to thank her for hosting the Christmas party. Dale Ramey will find something appropriate for about \$150.

**Programs** are mostly set for the year and include field trips.

**Main St.** - Debi Faver reported that following the freeze, the plants are dead! The next Main St workday will be February 7 at 10 AM. She explained volunteers will now receive a charm to wear on their name tag in appreciation of their time.

**Scholarships** – Shirley reported she is corresponding with schools and former applicants and all form changes and procedures should be complete by the end of the month.

**Second Fundraiser** – Dale Ramey reported Texas Star Winery is available June 15 for a fundraising event. Two speakers are planned, along with vendor booths and sponsors. Kathryn van der Pol offered to help with the sponsorships

**Refreshments** – Fran passed around a sign up requesting help for May and the plant swap. She reminded everyone that set up time is 9:15.

## **New Business**

Dixie presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Resource Book and proposed bylaws changes, including October election language and committee reorganization. Dale R. made a motion to accept the changes, seconded by Bennie, and the motion passed. The new documents will be posted on the website.

A discussion on revisions to the Standing Rules followed. Tom moved to accept the revisions, seconded by Debi, and all voted in favor. The new Standing Rules will be posted on the website.

A question was asked about the date of the Home Tour always being the same weekend in December. The answer was that it will remain the second weekend as the tour has history on that date and is anticipated by tour guests.

Kathyrn van der Pol requested that seeds be brought to the February meeting.

A question was raised of having the option to purchase the home tour photo book in advance. Preorders would need to be paid in advance and would be around \$70 each.

Debi Faver presented a 5 Minute Garden Tip: She suggested tree trimming, except for crepe myrtles, and getting the garden ready for planting by turning the dirt, adding compost, and getting seeds ready for planting.

There were no suggestions in the suggestion box.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom, seconded by Dale D., and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Janis Boulware