

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board

October 30, 2023

The Chappell Hill Garden Club Board meeting opened at 1:59. Present were Dale Ramey, Bennie Yates, Karen Kubeczka, Dixie Ford, Lynda Harrison, Debi Faver, Carol Madeley, Shirley Rigamonti and Kay Hanson-Clerc.

Quorum was established.

Kay moved that the October 2 board minutes be approved. Bennie seconded the motion, which passed.

Financial Report

Kay presented a list of member home tour ticket sales, and a list of sponsorships and donations, which are attached to the original minutes. Members purchased \$6,200 home tour tickets. To date, \$2,668.15 general donations, \$7,581 home tour sponsorships, and \$950 spring fundraiser sponsorships have been received.

Kay discussed where the club stands on budget versus actual for 2023. Her analysis is attached to the original minutes.

Projected net income for the year is \$6,522.50 vs. \$8,041 budgeted. The shortfall is due primarily to the cost of the printer and sound system the club purchased but did not budget.

Lynda presented examples of two financial reports, and asked board members to vote on which they prefer. One deferred income, while the other did not. One system reported deferred income on the balance sheet, while the other reported it on the profit and loss statement.

The bank balance in the operating account as of 10/30/23 was \$16,475.92. The club also has a \$20,000 CD which will mature 1/13/24.

Members will be reminded to get receipts to Lynda or Kay within three days or they will not be paid.

Kay recommended the club purchase a \$299 square reader. After discussion, the matter was tabled.

Home Tour Sponsorship All invoices have been sent for sponsorships, totaling roughly \$12,000. This was a slow process and next year, invoices will be sent with QuickBooks by Sept. 1.

Home Tour Tickets Dale Ramey was disappointed that only one member, Margie Ogradowicz, has sold extra tickets. Members will be encouraged to sell more tickets.

Home Tour Flyers Members will be reminded to pick up flyers at The Bluebonnet House and distribute them.

Docents Bennie will assign members to a docent schedule at the November meeting, and she will discuss docent duties.

Home Tour Cocktail Party Janice Williams will give a full report at the November meeting.

Home Tour Contest Twyla Kingsley will give a full report at the November meeting.

Home Tour Brochure Karen has completed the map for the home tour. She showed the mockup for the brochure, which looks great. The board thanked her for her work.

Christmas Party Paula Barrett will give a full report at the November meeting. The committee will use the club's sound system and the church's coffee pot at the party.

In addition to a wrapped white elephant gift for the gift exchange, members are encouraged to bring optional unwrapped new gifts to be distributed to nursing homes by The Senior Center. Carol will include information about gifts for seniors in the November meeting email.

Spring Fundraiser Justin Duncan will speak at the spring fundraiser, Feb. 24. The goal is to sell 200 tickets at \$25 each. Additional income will come from vendors such as MicroLife, Living Earth, Essential Oils and The Bluebonnet House. Vendors will be charged \$100-\$150 for a booth. Justin may sell his products. If he does, he will not be paid a speakers' fee.

Dale Ramey is working with St. Stanislaus Catholic Church to host the event.

Free coffee, tea and water will be offered and baked goods will be available to buy. Sponsors will be solicited for the event. Garden clubs will be invited. Dale Ramey will write an article for The Brenham Banner-Press about Justin Duncan prior to the event.

Main Street Cleanup The next cleanup is Wednesday, Nov. 1. An average of ten people has been helping each month. There was discussion about hanging baskets on Main Street.

Programs In October, 22 members went on a field trip to the large greenhouses at The Clubs at Houston Oaks to learn about hydroponics, aquaponics and vertical gardening. It was an interesting, successful event followed by a lovely picnic lunch on the grounds.

No one has agreed to chair Programs in 2024. The board brainstormed many program ideas. Dale Ramey and Dixie will ask some members to take the job, perhaps as co-chairs.

Debi suggested a short presentation on gardening tips be made each month at the general meeting by a member. The board enthusiastically agreed. Debi will coordinate the presentations.

Elections Elections will be held at the November general meeting. Carol Madeley and Shirley Rigamonti are resigning. All other board members will run again for 2024. Janis Boulware has agreed to run for the board and be secretary. Carol will remind members in the November meeting email to let Lynda know if they would like to be on the board.

New board members will be invited to the December 4 board meeting.

Suggestion Box There were no suggestions in the box.

Keep Washington County Beautiful Carol Locke asked Dixie if the club would be interested in taking over Keep Washington County Beautiful. The organization picks up trash and maintains a bed in Brenham, among other things. After discussion, the board agreed not to take on any new commitments. Dixie will let Carol Locke know.

Future Meetings In January, the board meeting will be on Jan. 8; the budget meeting will be on Jan. 15, starting at noon; and the general meeting will be Jan. 17. At the January meeting, there will be discussion about what the different committees do, and some important bylaws will be highlighted.

At the November meeting, members will be encouraged to pay 2024 dues of \$30.00 and fill out their 2024 application.

There was discussion about the application. Three changes will be made, two of which were decided earlier. Members must pay for home tour tickets immediately if they resign. Members must pay for tickets by June 15. Copies of the application will be given to members. A box will be added for members to check, saying they received a copy. Karen will update the application form to be available at the November meeting and attached to the November meeting email.

Debi moved to adjourn; Shirley seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Madeley