

Chappell Hill Garden Club Board Meeting

August 5, 2024

President Dixie Ford call the meeting to order at 2:02 PM at the Chappell Hill Methodist Church. Present were Bennie Yates, Dale Ramey, Karen Kubeczka, Debi Faver, and Janis Boulware. Kay Hanson-Clerc was absent. Quorum (min 4) was established. The board minutes from July 1 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: In Kay's absence, Dixie reported \$193.50 had been spent to date for Home Tour expenses (ticket printing), \$282.46 for the July 4 parade, and \$100 for the July program. There are currently 48 members.

Regarding Kay's request for insurance feedback, the consensus is to continue meeting at the church, but the board would like more information regarding coverage for volunteers while not on church property, i.e., while working on Main Street, the second fundraiser, and the Home Tour. Also, the board would like to know more about the deductible and what exactly is covered in the policy.

Chappell Hill Museum Landscaping: Bennie relayed that once the reconstruction of the cabin is complete, the club will consider options for designing the landscaping. It is too early to get an idea of the scope of the work.

Main Street Clean Up: Debi reported that the rain has contributed to the good health of many weeds. She discussed ways to figure out a more efficient watering system, perhaps with the purchase of more hoses. Dale described stainless steel hoses that are lightweight and could be purchased for this use. Debi will investigate further. She also said she needs more watering volunteers in September and October.

Christmas Home Tour: Dale reported she should be touring the last two homes to look at their kitchen before deciding on where the cocktail party would be held. There are six properties on the tour this year with three being near the center of Chappell Hill. The tour will be listed in the CH Chamber info and the Visit Brenham booklet at a cost of \$250 plus \$100 for a photo.

Bennie will check on shoe booties to see if a reorder is necessary. No new directional "arrow" signs are needed. She will also put together the docent list for home assignments.

Karen is creating the map and brochure. She will also organize the rug hooking demonstration at the Masonic Lodge.

Dixie reported that Twyla is chairing the silent auction contest at the Masonic Lodge, which will probably be Christmas trees decorated by member groups.

Other Committees:

Community Outreach: Dale proposed supporting the CH Post Office staff as a Community Outreach effort by providing lunch from St. Stanislaus Catholic Church during their Sept. 1 anniversary celebration. The meal is a BBQ dinner from Nathan's for \$15 each. The board was in favor and Dixie will check with Virginia about the tickets.

Christmas Party: Debi reported the committee will be meeting August 21. Invitations will be sent to members in October and the theme is “Traditional Christmas.” Donations will be requested for an organization that supports children this year as last year’s donations supported seniors.

Pre-Tour Friday Night Cocktail Party: Dixie reported that Pam Hall is chairing the Friday night Cocktail party and Pam would like to hold the September 3 board meeting at her home for a “tasting” around noon. The board heartedly agreed.

Refreshments: Janice Williams, Jean Mason, Sharon Miller, Paula Barrett, and Jere Hill will provide snacks for the August 14 meeting.

5-Minute Tip: Fran Hunt will present.

A motion and second was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Boulware