

Sugar Land Garden Club Minutes
Board Meeting
November 12, 2024

Members in attendance were: Deborah Birge, Gay Chavez, Donna-Jean Dyer, Lynette McQueen, Karen Putney, Robin Rettew, Donna Romaine, Carrie Sample, Sandy Smith, Jaye Talus, Brenda Webb, Beverly Williams, Carol Wilson, Alice Zothner, and Betty Baber.

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Birge at 10:02 A.M. The meeting was held at the home of Carol Wilson with Melody Lindley (in absentia) as co-hostess.

Secretary – Betty Baber: The minutes were present and approved by acclamation.

Treasurer – Linda Barbone (absent): Questions were raised about why the “dues” figures were so low compared to our membership count. Deborah explained that this is due to club calendar year. The dues figures will be more accurately reflected in April. The report was accepted for filing and review at end of year.

First Vice President Programs – Melody Lindley (absent): Speaker for the next meeting will be discussing camellias.

Second Vice President Data Base – Karen Putney: Three new members have been added bringing membership to 142 so far. There are a few Directories still available so there is no need to reorder at this time.

Second Vice President Door Prizes – Gay Chavez: Door prizes are progressing nicely.

Second Vice President Blast – Sandy Smith: Nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Arbor Day – Leslie Niemand (absent): Deborah reported that the donated possum hollies should be planted Friday, November 15 at Cullinan Park in the Bird Viewing Area.

Brookwood – Beverly Williams: November 20 is the next date and she has had more than normal volunteers to sign up, most of whom are new members.

Corresponding Secretary – Jaye Talus: Cards went out to Sandy Smith and Jo Beth Moore whose husband is not doing well and to Laurel Grant whose sister passed. Jaye advised that her email is not in the new Directory so please call or text any requests. Members requested that cards be sent to Anna Sands and Patti Lawlor.

Field Trips – Alice Zothner: The Post Skylawn trip was very successful and enjoyed by all attendees. The next trip is to Brookwood on November 26 for which 16 people are signed up.

Fundraisers:

Bulb Sale – Denise Harper (absent): Deborah reported that bulbs were delivered by pickup at Donna Romaine’s house on Tuesday and then again Saturday at St. Basil’s; there are some leftovers still available.

Silent Auction – Donna-Jean Dyer: She has been revising wording on bid sheet for clarification and had samples for review and suggestions. Suggestions should be forwarded to Donna-Jean.

Habitat for Humanity – Stephanie Flatt (absent): Deborah reported that the committee is still working with H for H organization and churches; house dedication is set for March.

Hospitality – Brenda Webb: Linda Rhodes is host chair and things are progressing nicely; Linda has worked up some nice decorations.

Master Gardener Representative – Leslie Niemand (absent): Deborah reported that MG just finished the vegetable and herb sale and are getting ready for the fruit tree sale in early February; also working on another butterfly celebration in May. Starting Landscape for Success Grow Your Own series.

Plant Swap – Donna Romaine/Debe Fannin: Will have a table at next meeting, the last one this year. Note that January and February are usually pretty thin.

Scholarship – Donna-Jean Dyer: Too early yet. Deborah reported that a member made an anonymous \$3,000 donation to sponsor another recipient, who has been chosen and scholarship awarded.

Scrapbook – Carrie Sample: Issued a thank you for all the pictures being sent in.

Social – Lynette McQueen: 30 people have signed up. She has received 2 zelle payments for luncheon but has not been advised who made these payments to be able to add their names to list of attendees. Discussion was had as to how to resolve this issue. Apparently, Zelle does send a memo advising name of payor which is received by Sandy Smith. A step needs to be added so that this information is forwarded/provided to any and all that need the information.

Website – Terri Hurley (absent): A request for clarification of process for logging in to “members only” portion of website was made. The correct password and instructions followed. Suggestions for items that should be included in the “members only” portion were made with only one being adopted—the newsletter.

Workshops – Carol Wilson: Had 6 in attendance to make a “Giving Thanks Tree.” Next workshop will make a snowflake under instructions from Miche Broussard for a fee of \$15.00.

Yearbook/Directory – Robin Rettew: waiting on a final member count before placing another order. Lynette McQueen is still receiving mail at an old email even though she has listed her new email in the Directory.

Old Business: None

New Business: Next board meeting date is January 14, 2025 to be hosted by Deborah Birge with Donna-Jean Dyer as co-hostess.

Karen Putney made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 A.M.

Date: _____

Betty Baber, Secretary

Date: _____

Deborah Birge, President