COLUMBUS GARDEN CLUB
Minutes for 8/08/2018 Meeting
119 Veterans Drive
Columbus, TX 78934

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the following order:

- Mary Jane Moore, President Opening Exercise
- Robbie Showers, Prayer by Chaplin
- Pledge of Allegiance followed by the reading of the Club Prayer and the Club Pledge

Speaker was introduced by

- Welcoming returning memberships and there were no guests. A total of 26 members were present.
- Reading of the August birthdays
- Debbie Braden, 1st VP, introduced the August hostesses
- Robbie Showers announced those names who are ill

Minutes from previous meeting were not read but are being finalized for approval.

Treasurer's Report – Andrea Utz reported the balance of $18,525.77 was in the CGC bank account. She also brought the Restricted Scholarship's bank balance of $5,467.11. There were two scholarships to be awarded at $1,500 each which will leave the balance of $2,467.11. Andrea handed out printed copies of the 2018-2019 projected budget discussing in detail any changes made to be approved for the official approved budget to be printed and placed in the new Yearbook (distributed Sept 2018 meeting). She acknowledged to those present that the new format is following the Houston Federation format which makes the annual budget easier to read. Andrea also handed out copies of the April 2018 Plant Sale recap with a net income of $4,809.71.

Reports of Officers –

- A greenhouse was ordered. The cost breakdown was covered with moneys from the Magnolia festival plant sale and dino games, plus donations from Lynn and Vince. Motion was made and carried for the greenhouse.
- Special meeting – Officers had an emergency session o complete the budget proposal for 2018-2019.
- Ways and Means met to stuff the envelopes for the drawing tickets for the Scholarship Quilt. Lynn to place announcement in The Citizen. This is a Scholarship project for raising funds.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business – Discussion of Budget proposals for 2018-2019: Proposed Grant Applications

1. Repainting for Blue Star Marker and redoing the Blue Star garden flower bed for $1,000.00
2. Sprinkler System Repair for $600.00
3. Trash Off for $2,500.00
4. Trash cans around the sitting area of the Court House - $ amount not decided
5. Legion Park landscaping: flower pots $1,000.00
6. Nesbitt Memorial Library Project: Martha Jordan/Joann Obenhaus will check into broken bench; a possible grant reimbursement.

Amendment of our Associate Membership. It currently stated as "Past presidents who pay annual dues and are listed as 'Associates' in the annual Yearbook. They can vote but not hold office. Attendance and participation in all Club activities is welcomed". The Associate Members are not expected to be on a committee. Proposed amendments for Associate members need better clarification.

Announcements –

- We are celebrating all the August birthdays; Martha Jordan and Margaret Miller both turn 85 years of age.
- Colorado County Annual Parade – September 8th. Mary Jane needs bags of candy for the kids and water for the workers. The Garden Club's float will be located at Mid-Town Park. Help is needed to decorate.

There being no further business, a vote to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:
Martha Jordan
Recording Secretary

9-12-18