

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes December 14, 2017

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President **Diane Mettler** at 10:45 am. Thank you to hostess and co-hostess **Diane Mettler** and **Kathy Mettler**.

20 members present.

Welcome to our guest **Pam Waring**, friend of member **Lisa Libby**.

Motion made by **Lisa Libby**, 2nd by **Diane Mettler** and voted by members present to approve the November minutes as read.

Treasurer's report given by Treasurer **Lisa Libby**. She reports we did collect \$138 for the Community Center Food bank at the November meeting which was donated/paid to them. \$100 was donated as approved previously by the club in Louie Mettler's name to the Christmas gift program at the Community Center.

New Business:

Diane M told us of a book being written by Donald Johnston on Eatonville and the road to Mt Rainier. We gave feedback and suggestions on the correct information for Dogwood Park and it's designation as a Blue Star memorial.

Our new club booklets were handed out. Members present checked their personal information and gave changes as necessary.

January meeting will be hosted by **Ginny Phillips** and **Sherry Hanson**. Topic will be bonsai presented by **Kathy Mettler**. More details to come later.

Congratulations to the Jr Garden Club for awards of 2nd and 3rd at the recent Holiday Show.

Diane M told us of a new idea for our club to consider: putting together a Christmas tree decorating project to be displayed before the Eatonville Christmas parade. Different individuals, clubs, businesses could decorate trees to be displayed at the Eatonville Visitor Center. **Kathy M** suggested we appoint a committee chairman if we decide to proceed with this idea. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

Anne Hartman suggested an idea to do a summer tea in her home garden next summer. We will discuss this further in the new year.

Diane M will be needing a co-chair for the Art in Bloom event in summer 2018. She suggested organizing a possible "work party" to help gardens in the tour to prepare their gardens. This project will be discussed further in January also.

Hill and Dale District Business:

Thanks to everyone, **Kathleen Owen**, **Sharon Aguilar**, **Mary Bewley**, **Diane Mettler**, **Keri Lynn Hatcher** and **Ginny Phillips**, who helped put together our mannequin project for the recent competition at the District Meeting, Our efforts gave us a win for best decorated mannequin. **Kathleen** gave a description of how "Scarlett" was put together. Thanks to **Kathleen** for all her ideas and efforts in this project. **Diane M** will check with the Community center to see if they would like to have Scarlett on display there over Christmas. We will then dismantle her and Kathleen will turn the decorated framework into a topiary project. This project will be documented and **Mary B** and **Kathleen** will submit it to district by April 1st for judging as a recycling project.

Mary Bewley updated us on District News:

Mary submitted 3 projects for the Jr Garden Club for judging.

Sharon Aguilar submitted a bird project for judging.

The next Garden Therapy will take place on January 28th, more info next month.

Mary gave an explanation/history on the Holiday Show. It is being suggested at the State level that this event be changed to a different time of year and suggestions are asked to be submitted on what all the clubs think about this. It was discussed that maybe the flower show portion of this event be included in with the State Convention held in June. Our club will submit our ideas in their questionnaire.

Convention will be held at the Tacoma Dome Hotel in 2018 which will make it more accessible for our members to attend. It might mean an overnight stay would not be necessary. If so our club's allotted \$400 for someone to attend and represent us could be used for other convention related costs.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50.

We held our gift exchange.

Diane Mettler gave a presentation on Poinsettias. She will email us copies of the information she presented. You can get them to rebloom if handled correctly. She offered us a challenge to choose and take home a poinsettia and to document our efforts, whether successes or failures, over this coming year to keep our plant growing and producing new colored bracts/blooms by next Christmas. Take pictures and notes and we will try submitting this as a club project for judging next year! Lots of us took up the challenge.

Members Attending:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. Leslee Dunlap
4. Linda Evaro
5. Dianne Gonzalez
6. Sherry Hanson
7. Anne Hartman
8. Keri Lynn Hatcher
9. Lisa Hoversten
10. Jan Landry
11. Lisa Libby
12. Diane Mettler
13. Kathy Mettler
14. Kathleen Owen
15. Geneal Palmer
16. Ginny Phillips
17. Paulette Quirie
18. Nancy Schank
19. Lynne Smith
20. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre

Guest:

Pam Waring