

Garden Club Meeting Minutes September 9, 2021

Business Meeting:

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Mettler at 10:40 am. Thank you to Kathy Mettler for hosting, Geneal Palmer for co-hosting and Jane Smith for her help in setting up, etc.

18 members present.

Welcome to guest Donna Rahier.

July minutes were voted accepted as read by members present.

Treasurer's report given by Kathy Mettler and Ginny Phillips. Treasurer Lisa Libby unable to attend today. Checking account balance is \$5651.57. Copies of the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget passed to those present.

The new club booklet continues to be finalized. Hopefully it will be ready to distribute to members at our October meeting.

Anonymous pictures of member's containers who participated in the container growing challenge were passed and we voted on our favorite. Mary Bewley announced Darlene Nelson as the winner. She received an autographed gardening book by Sue Goetz as her reward.

Chairman Report:

Mary Bewley reports that while the junior garden club at the school isn't active at the moment, we can still share gardening projects/crafts with our children, grandchildren and neighborhood children. Mary requests we send her pictures of things we do with the kids. Plant a plant, some seeds, do a craft, etc with them. Part of our garden club experience is sharing with the younger generation and encouraging them to get involved in and love gardening.

Birds chairman, Sharon Aguilar, reports that her LBB's (little brown birds) continue to visit her porch pots. In the spring they especially loved her yellow primroses to eat. Now they aren't seeming to bother her geraniums except for some critter digging in the dirt. Note: geraniums are an easy to grow annual. She has lots of swallows flying around her property also. One thing that she finds that deters the birds from bothering her plants is putting coffee grounds around them.

Kathy Mettler reported that chairman for the dogwood park committee, Diane Mettler, will be contacting Rocky, our biannual park clean up worker, to set up a time to do the Fall clean up at the park.

Sunshine chair reports no new sunshine to be shared. Please contact her if you know of someone who could use a little sunshine.

Unfinished Business:

The Pierce County Fair was a success. We had 12 members from our club who volunteered to help at the horticulture building along with other clubs from our district. They helped in initial set up and decorating, entering horticulture, working with youth in the shoe planting project, and hostessing in the floral building over the course of the fair. Members shared their experiences. Thank you to Sharon Aguilar, Mary Bewley, Sherry Hanson, Bev Holze, Katy Hoffman, Lisa Libby, Kathy Mettler, Darlene Nelson, Rosemary Nordstrom, Ginny Phillips, Paulette Quirie, and Pam Waring for helping out.

New Business:

We decided that as much as we are very interested in butterflies, we will not have a formal butterfly committee. If someone would like to chair a committee for butterflies in the future please let us know.

Thank you to our new speaker committee, Dee Hanson, Fawn Bauer and Katy Hoffman, for all your hard work organizing the schedule for this garden club year. Dee Hanson reported they are finalizing the programs and there are a lot of cool meetings coming up. Next month for our October 14th meeting, we will be going to the Lakewold Gardens. There is a cost of \$10 per person if we have 21 people attending. We decided the club will pay this entrance fee for members attending. We can invite guests but their fees would not be paid for by the club. If less than 21 attend, the fee graduates up to a bit more per person. There is a covered pavilion where we can hold our business meeting and then we can tour the gardens. Bring a sack lunch. Carpooling is encouraged and the committee will try to organize that. Please contact Katy Hoffman(253-486-4004 /13grandkids@rainierconnect.com), or Dee Hanson (907-440-6488 / ptarmigan4125@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

Sammy Jo Thirtyacre brought up the possible idea of the club putting together a Fall plant sale. She has a number of plants/bulbs that she would like to see used and wondered if others have the same. After discussion we decided this may be a good idea for the future, but too late to plan such an event this year. We will address this again next year. A suggestion was made to winter over plants for our sale next spring.

Hill and Dale New Business:

Sammie Jo Thirtyacre, as the district coordinator of Garden Therapy, updated us on the status of the program. It will start taking place again on October 28th, 10-11:30 am, at Silver Creek Retirement and Assisted Living, 17607 91st Ave E, Puyallup, just off 176th near Winco. Each club in the district sends volunteers to work with the residents to create a craft.. Darlene Nelson and Jane Smith will attend representing Dogwood. Please contact Sammie Jo at (702-528-9418) if you would like to help out. The activity Sammie Jo is planning on is an artificial fall wreath to be hung on a participating resident's door. She will be notifying the other clubs in Hill and Dale District so they can volunteer to participate.

Mary Bewley informed us of the upcoming District meeting on Tuesday September 28th. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch, a floral show and programs. The topic of the am program is Putting Your Garden to Bed, and there will be a design program in the afternoon. We are encouraged to attend and enter horticulture from our gardens. A sign up sheet was passed. **Please notify Lisa Libby (360-482-3007, lilbby@centurytel.net) by September 14th** if you wish to attend. We are encouraged to pre-register so they will know how many to plan for, but if you are unsure if you are able to attend, you may also go and pay at the door. Our club is responsible at different times to help with hostessing the flower show or providing bouquets for the tables. We will provide volunteers when we are assigned.

There will be a South Sound Dahlia show on September 11 & 12th at the Capitol Mall.

* Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

* Raffle was held for 11 items.

* Lunch was served by our hostesses.

Program: Presented by Mary Bewley on The Principles of Design in particular when planting containers.

Members Present:

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| 1. Sharon Aguilar | 10. Geneal Palmer |
| 2. Mary Bewley | 11. Ginny Phillips |
| 3. Dee Hanson | 12. Tina Roy |
| 4. Katy Hoffman | 13. Beth Runyan |
| 5. Beverly Holze | 14. Sylvia Russell |
| 6. Carolyn McKelvie | 15. Jane Smith |
| 7. Kathy Mettler | 16. Melody Stalk |
| 8. Darlene Nelson | 17. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre |
| 9. Rosemary Nordstrom | 18. Pam Waring |

Guest: Donna Rahier

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillip