

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes June 9, 2022

Business Meeting:

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Mettler at 10:45 am. Thank you to our hostess Melody Stalk and co-hostesses Lisa Libby and Sylvia Russell. Kathy expressed missing our club participating in the flag salute to open our meetings and would like to revisit this in the future.

23 members present.

Mary Bewley and Sherry Hanson motioned to approve the May 12th minutes as read. Minutes voted approved by those members present.

Treasurer's report presented by Lisa Libby. Dues for the upcoming year are almost all collected. Lisa led discussion concerning budget goals for the coming year. Do we want to rearrange some of our donations and participation in different activities? It was suggested we focus on donating more locally to projects and discontinue our donation to the WSFGC Teacher Scholarship fund. We would like to put funds into supporting planting with children at our annual plant sale. A motion was made by Diane Mettler, 2nd by Sammie Jo Thirtyacre and voted approved by members present to donate funds evenly to all 5 of the schools in our district for their gardening projects; Eatonville High School, Columbia Crest A STEM Academy, Eatonville Middle, Eatonville Elementary and Weyerhauser Elementary. Lisa will be working on adjusting and putting together our budget for the coming year. Lisa also said Diane Mettler and Chris Bivins will be working on a design for business cards and/or brochures for the club as these have been requested by patrons at our plant sale and other times.

Chairman Reports:

Birds & Gardening - Sharon Aguilar: Sharon is hearing a lot of very loud birds at 4 am. Speculating they are Stellar Jays welcoming the morning.

Dogwood Park - Diane Mettler/Bev Holze, Dee Hanson, Rosemary Nordstrom & Sammie Jo Thirtyacre : Diane reports that she has spoken to the State concerning the need for filling potholes at the park and they have it on their calendar to work on it. They are still working to catch up on their backlog of work that occurred during Covid. Diane says the State chose the original plantings and wants to keep them, not removing them but to prune them shorter for better visibility into the park. They will do any major pruning. She spoke with the Eatonville Mayor and if he still wants to do work there, he should consult with the State first. Suggestions from the committee were to pave the parking area or at least the entries to the park, clean out the blackberries, prune overgrown shrubs, and clean out grass under the shrubs. Eatonville Nursery has said they would volunteer to come take a look at the park and make suggestions. Kathy Mettler pointed out that we have always tried to keep the park presentable and not groomed. It is wondered if there are district funds to apply for to help with the park.

Junior Garden Club / Memorial Day Bouquets - Mary Bewley: We discussed continuing with the Jr Garden Club program. Kathy Bowman does continue to work with her neighborhood children and grandchildren. A motion was made by Tina Roy and Pam Waring to continue to support Jr Garden Club for the present even though the school has not been able to allow us to participate with the children during Covid. Voted approved. We will revisit this at a later date. Mary reports a successful making of 120 small bouquets for Memorial Day. We had 11 members (Sharon Aguilar, Mary Bewley, Kathy Mettler, Jane Smith, Donna Rahier, Diane Mettler, Katy Hoffman, Darlene Nelson and her husband, Sherry Hanson, Ginny Phillips and Rosemary Nordstrom) take part and were done in record time. The bouquets were then placed by the Boy Scouts on Veterans graves at the Eatonville cemetery where it was realized that we were short about 50 bouquets. Apparently there are more veterans to be honored there than was thought and we will need to plan for approximately 50 more next year.

Sunshine - Ginny Phillips: Ginny reported having sent a sympathy card to Greg Graves of Old Goat Farm for the loss of his partner Gary Waller. She sent notes of sunshine to Darlene Nelson, Kathy Bowman, and Rosemary Nordstrom. Cards were passed for members to sign for Darlene, Kathy, Rosemary and Greg.

Programs: Dee Hanson sent around a sheet to post our interests for putting together our list of programs for the coming year. Lisa asked the committee to work with her on budgeting for the programs.

Echo Reporter - Crystal Dorsey: She will be staying on as our reporter and requests any club news continue to be sent to her.

Garden Therapy - Sammie Jo Thirtyacre: the May session was once again canceled because of covid cases at the facility. Hopefully garden therapy will resume in the fall.

Historian - Melody Stalk: Melody has received the large scrapbook from Mary and is starting to organize everything. She will gradually be scanning items to be shared to our website. Any pictures you have to share, please send to Melody.

70th Anniversary Celebration - Donna Rahier: Plans are moving ahead for putting together a float to be in the 4th of July parade to celebrate Dogwood Garden Club's 70th anniversary. Donna and Paulette showed us their ideas for decorating the float which will be on a smaller trailer to be pulled by a vintage pickup Lisa knows about and will check on. Members are requested to decorate hats that they can wear and walk along with the float. It was suggested that Mary Bewley be our honored passenger as she is our longest serving member. A sign up sheet was passed for volunteers to help decorate the float and participate in the parade. Kathy Mettler offered her barn as a workspace for this project and she has some spare hay bales.

Unfinished Business:

Terry Van Eaton is still working with the Eatonville Christmas planning committee in figuring out his idea for Dogwood's participation. He will update us in September.

Sign up sheets were sent around for volunteers to help at the Pierce County Fair in August. The theme is "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" and we are asked to dress to go along with this theme according to the day you volunteer for.

New Business:

Signup sheet was passed for meeting hostesses for next year. Kathy Mettler informed us we would be able to hold meetings at the Ohop Grange. We have club members who are also members of the Grange. Geneal Palmer has access to the building.

** Next meeting will be held on September 8th. Details to be sent later.

** Raffle was held.

** Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

** Lunch was served by our hostesses.

** **Program** was presented by Ava Brock, a Pierce County Master Gardener, on Pest Management.

Members Attending:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. Marilee Galligan
4. Dee Hanson
5. Sherry Hanson
6. Keri Lynn Hatcher
7. Katy Hoffman
8. Bev Holze
9. Lisa Libby
10. Diane Mettler
11. Kathy Mettler
12. Geneal Palmer
13. Ginny Phillips
14. Paulette Quirie
15. Donna Rahier
16. Tina Royo
17. Sylvia Russell
18. Jane Smith
19. Melody Stalk
20. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre
21. Sharon Van Eaton
22. Terry Van Eaton
23. Pam Waring

Guest:

Ken Quirie

MInutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips