

Dogwood Meeting Minutes February 11, 2021

Business Meeting:

Zoom meeting called to order by President Diane Mettler at 10:40 am.

11 members present. Welcome to our guest, former member Dianne Gonzales.

A motion was made by Lisa Libby, 2nd by Kathy Mettler and voted by members present to approve the December, 2020 minutes as read via email.

Treasurer's Report given by Treasurer Lisa Libby. Lisa used \$352.29 to purchase items for donation to the Tiny House project. Motion to approve the report was made by Diane Mettler, 2nd by Geneal Palmer, and voted to be accepted by members present. Lisa reported that a donation check to the Eatonville Chamber last year for the hanging basket project was never cashed. We will reconsider what amount to donate to this year's project.

Chairman Report:

Sunshine chairman, Ginny Phillips thanked everyone for helping to stay in touch with members via notes and phone calls. Please keep her informed if you hear of a member in need of sunshine.

Ginny gave a report for Mary Bewley on the Smoky Bear submissions. Kathy Bowman worked with her neighborhood children and grandchildren on making posters to submit. Mary sent in "one for each grade level to the State Chairman. They all received ribbons and goodies (pencils, rulers, coloring books, etc) in reply. One even got first place for State grade level, so it went on to Regional competition."

New Business:

Diane reminded us it's not too early to be potting up plants for the spring plant sale. There very likely won't be a Community May Day program at the high school again because of Covid restrictions, but we would hopefully be able to do another "drive-up" plant sale as we did last year hosted by Diane and Kathy Mettler.. We discussed the possibility of doing a 2nd event also to include more of the public and will discuss further at future meetings.

Lisa Libby suggested we do another group growing project by planting up a container of any size and any combination of plants. We agreed it would be a fun project. It is suggested we take pictures and document what we put together as a container planting as we put them together and as they progress through the year. This would enable us to submit this project for judging at the end of this year.

Diane informed us of an idea given to her for our club to work toward doing a makeover of a planting bed by the fire station in Eatonville. We are unsure of where this bed is and what would be involved. Diane will look into this further and we will discuss at our next meeting.

Old Business:

The Mini Homes project at the Old Soldiers Home in Orting is progressing to completion. District informed us that clubs could contribute by donating needed basic kitchen items to help furnish the 35 homes. Our members had agreed that we wanted to help in some way to contribute and because of time limits, our board discussed and decided in January to have our club provide kitchen towels and dish cloths for the houses. Lisa volunteered to shop for these items. Members were given the opportunity to donate additional items along these lines also. Lisa bought kitchen towels and dish cloths for the 35 tiny kitchens at a cost of \$352.29 to the club. Diane Mettler and Rosemary Nordstrom donated additional towels and hot mitts for the communal kitchen area and Jane Smith donated soup mixes for the 35 homes. Lisa along with several other district members will deliver the donated items to the homes next week.

Hill and Dale District Business:

Lisa Libby encouraged us to read the Waconiah newsletter she sent to us previously. Lots of good information.

Lisa and Anne Hartman gave a reminder to submit Dogwood's news to the ECHO. Crystal Dorsey will do that in the next few days.

There will be a District virtual flower show March 23rd. We'll be able to submit photo entries without even cutting our flowers, etc. More information to follow in the new ECHO and our March meeting.

Ginny Phillips and Lisa shared their experiences attending the Pacific Region's Zoom Workshop Wednesdays. These will be continuing through March. If you wish to attend, email the Pacific Region Director Robin Pokorski at PRGCDirector@gmail.com. She will send you the info to be able to join the meetings. Ginny will send out the schedule to members so you can see the subjects to be covered.

Kathy Johnson at the district level has been nominated for an award of excellence for her many forms of service.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 11th. Diane is looking into the possibility of meeting in the dining tent at Shaken restaurant. More info to follow later.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Program: Members shared their biggest gardening goal for the year.

Members Present:

1. Crystal Dorsey
2. Leslee Dunlap
3. Sherry Hanson
4. Anne Hartman
5. Katy Hoffman
6. Lisa Libby
7. Diane Mettler
8. Kathy Mettler
9. Darlene Nelson
10. Geneal Palmer
11. Ginny Phillips

Guest: Dianne Gonzales

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips