

Dogwood Garden Club

Meeting Minutes September 12, 2013

Business Meeting:

- Meeting was called to order by President, Diane Mettler, at 10:30 AM.
- Thank you to hostess **Anne Hartman** and co-hostess **Sheryll Slayton**.
- Welcome to new members **Jan Landry** and **Lynne Smith**.
- 19 members present.
- June Minutes were approved as emailed to and viewed today by members.

- **Chairman Reports:**
 - **Mary Bewley** reported a good turnout at the Pierce County Fair in August. Thank you to all volunteers who helped to check in youth entries. We had a good participation from our club. Your help was so appreciated.
 - **Rosie Trujillo** reminded us of our October 15th Dogwood Park Clean-up Event. Any volunteers are welcome. More to come at next meeting.

- **New Business:**
 - **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Mary Bewley
 - Our Garden Club Booklets are ready for proofreading and soon to be printed. Members checked and approved their personal information for publication.
 - Diane will email to members with email and mail a hard copy to members without email info on our next meeting to be held at Kathleen Owen's in Oct. Our booklets will be handed out at that time.
 - Diane pointed out she is spam blocked on some member's email. For those she has Ginny forward her emails to them.
 - Diane reported a good attendance at the Eatonville Garden Tour in July, about 200 attendees. A big thank you to members who shared their wonderful gardens in the tour: Kathleen Owen, Kathy Mettler, Kathy Bowman, and Diane Mettler. And a big thank you to members who volunteered as docents. Next year the proceeds from the tour will be divided among clubs, such as Dogwood Garden Club, who volunteer and help at the tour. Vendors generally did better this year than last.
 - Helen Neighbor is continuing to head up our Sunshine Committee. Please let her know if there are members who are in need of contact and/or support.
 - CeaCea will continue contacting members without email to inform them about upcoming meetings. Please let her know if any additional members are in need of telephone contact.
 - **Ginny** will be taking over secretarial duties as **Debbie Price** will be starting a new job and unavailable for meetings. Thank you, **Debbie**, for all your past involvement and hard work.

- **Sharon Aguilar** was presented with a beautiful ceramic bowl made by Chris Bivins, as her award for most participation in the past year's activities. We will continue to keep track of members participation in different activities but will discontinue a physical reward. Any and all participation by members in all our activities continues to be encouraged and very much appreciated.
 - We are in need of a Coordinator for carpooling. Anyone who is interested please let **Diane** know.
 - We will be having a seed exchange at a future meeting, so start saving those seeds from this year's abundant crops, whether it be flowers or vegetables. Try to label them with any important info and a picture would be great to include.
 - **Diane** presented an idea for a one time event this club year to have speaker/author Janit Cabro make a presentation on miniature gardens. This event could be open to the public with a maximum budget of \$300. A motion was made by Debbie Price : "Dogwood Garden Club will host one event this year with a paid speaker within a \$300 budget, to be partially covered by club budget, and partially with paid admission, inviting Eatonville community members to participate and help cover costs". This was seconded by Sheryll Slayton, and voted yes by members present. Diane will coordinate with the speaker and update the club later this year.
- **Hill and Dale District Business:**
 - **Rosie Trujillo**, Eatonville Dogwood Club member, is now Director for the Hill and Dale District. Congratulations, Rosie.
 - The next District meeting will be on September 24th, 10 AM, at the Dryer Masonic Center at 306 134th St S, Tacoma. Our club is responsible for providing 10 centerpieces. We will meet at Sharon Aguilar's "chicken coop" on Sept. 23rd at 4PM to put these together. Any helpers will be welcomed. Please bring any flowers you can share with you to use.
 - We are hoping for a big attendance and participation of our club members at the District Meeting on the 24th. We really need everybody who is able to attend and/or enter, to come. It will help our club to earn points and is a fun and informative meeting. The State President and officers will be there and will be doing the AM and PM programs. Mary passed out copies of entry categories. Let's all try our best to attend and support our club. It will be a great meeting!
 - **Mary Bewley** invited all members to take part in a workshop being held by the Design Guild on Thursday, Sept. 19th, at 10AM at the Midland Community Center. There is no charge and will be very informative and fun. A great learning experience. Bring flowers and greenery if available, no containers needed. More info available in the Echo .
 - 2014 calendars are available for purchase from Mary Bewley. The State Calendar is \$6, and the Vision of Beauty Calendar is \$5.
 - Tickets are available for the Holiday Show, November 7,8,9, from Mary Bewley or

Rosie Trujillo. It will be held in Everett. Tickets are \$8.

- Meeting fee of \$2 was collected from members.
- The meeting was adjourned for lunch.
- Raffle
- **Program** on Winterizing Your Garden was presented by **Diane Mettler**.

Minutes recorded by Ginny Phillips