

May 9, 2019 Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes

Diane Mettler called the meeting to order at approximately 10:50 AM at DeGoede's Bulb Farm and Nursery in Mossyrock. Our hostesses, Mary Bewley and Paulette Quirie, provided delicious homemade cookies, coffee and other snacks.

Ginny Phillips was absent today so Leslee Dunlap volunteered to take the meeting minutes.

We congratulated Mary Bewley for her 60th wedding anniversary, which is today. Her daughter came up from Texas to help her celebrate.

We had numerous members present. (A partial list is below. I didn't know every name, sorry.)

Our visitors were Joy Sperline and Phyllis Turvill from Mineral and Mary Bewley's daughter Karen from Austin, Texas. (**Any other visitors?**)

The minutes from the April meeting minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer Report: Our bank balance is \$4006 and was read by Diane Mettler in Lisa Libby's absence.

Chairman Reports:

a. Dogwood Park: We had 8 hours of landscaping done at \$20 per hour. There is a problem at Dogwood Park. The neighbor, a friend of John Brantholm (deceased), who keeps an eye on the park, told Diane that there is a woman who frequently visits the park and is taking plants, trees and rocks from the property. The Washington State Patrol and the D.O.T. have been notified. It was decided by the members present, after discussion, that it might work as a deterrent if this information was posted on the Eatonville Heads-Up Facebook page. Diane Mettler will do the Facebook post.

b. Community Day: Diane Mettler reported that we had the best Community Day plant sale ever. Our sale proceeds were \$743 and Diane noted that to her understanding this amount was not included in the treasurer's balance reported above. Mary added that we were moved out of the gymnasium this year and had a good spot out in the fresh air. Eight tables were provided. Our plants were very nice and properly tagged. There were pictures of the plants were very helpful. The tags had information about the plant and care required for that plant. For next year we need blank labels for last minute identification for unlabeled plants.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

- a. New Officers: It's time for elections. President Diane Mettler encouraged our members to run for an office. Any current officer will step aside to let someone else serve and will help members slide into the duties of the office. If you aren't ready to take an office over completely, maybe you would like to share an office with one of the current officers. There were no volunteers. Lisa Libby was voted in as Treasurer for another year.
- b. Memorial Day Workshop: Every year for Memorial Day, we make 220 bouquets for the graves of Veterans buried in the Eatonville Cemetery. This is a long-time tradition for our club and our community. The bouquets are typically made of salal and flowers with a red, white and blue ribbon. Children of the community decorate the graves, marked with white crosses on Memorial

- Day. We need volunteers to help make the bouquets. Meet up time is at 4:00 PM at Sharon Aguilar's chicken house on Sunday, May 26. The address is 9016 Guske Road East, Eatonville. Please bring anything and everything that is blooming, as much as you can. Also bring your clippers and gloves. The more of you that come, the quicker the work is done. It's a fun time and a good service to the community. All are welcome and the chicken house is a fun place.
- c. ECHO Writer: Crystal Dorsey will take over Sharon Aguilar's position as our writer for the ECHO. Sharon will help her transition into the job.
 - d. June Meeting: Crystal Dorsey will host the June 13th meeting at her home at 9817 381st St. E., Eatonville, as Melody Stalk cannot host this time. Crystal will provide lunch. As planned, Greg Graves of The Old Goat Farm will be there with plants. June will be our last meeting. Our new booklet will come out before the September meeting. We need your ideas for topics and speakers BEFORE that time.

Hill & Dale District Report:

Mary Bewley reported that the District Workshop on April was a success. Thanks to all who donated salads and cookies. Linda, Mary, Jane, Paulette, Ginny, Geneal and Kathy (**& maybe others?**) were there to put out the food and clean up. They were finished by 2:30. Our basket did not win a prize. Pictures are on the Facebook Page.

The April Arbor Day tree was picked up by Lynn Smith. It was planted at the Frontier Park and afterwards everyone from our group who attended went to lunch at the new Mexican restaurant across Meridian from the park.

Kathy Mettler shared some highlights of her Japan Garden Tour. The guide was Greg of The Old Goat Farm. Another tour is planned for 2021.

The Vashon Garden Tour is coming up June 22 & 23.

The District meeting is coming up on May 28 at Dryers. Lunch and the program costs \$15. All pertinent info can be found in the Echo. Entries need to be there no later than 9:00 AM with judging at 9:30 AM. The program begins at 10:00 AM. It is sure to be a fun day.

The meeting was adjourned, we did the raffle and then had lunch and cookies and coffee.

Everyone enjoyed the display garden, shopping with our garden club discount and looking at all the beautiful Mother's Day baskets and plants in the greenhouses.

List of Members in attendance (**whose names I know -- I'm sure I missed at least 6**):

Diane Mettler	Crystal Dorsey
Kathy Mettler	Sharon Aguilar
Sharon Van Eaton	Paulette Quirie
Terry Van Eaton	Henry Louie
Mary Bewley	Keri Lynn Hatcher
Dianne Gonzalez	Leslee Dunlap

Submitted by Leslee Dunlap