

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting December 9, 2021

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 10:40 am by President Kathy Mettler. Thank you to Hostess Crystal Dorsey and Co-hostess Darlene Nelson for having us today.

22 Members present.

Welcome to guests Ken Quirie and Keri Lynn Hatcher.

Lisa Libby made a motion, 2nd by Mary Bewley and Darlene Nelson, to approve October's minutes as read via email. Voted approved by members present.

Treasurers report given by Treasurer Lisa Libby. Proceeds from our bazaar table at the recent district meeting was \$214.15.

Chairman Reports:

Junior gardeners chairman Mary Bewley reports still no meeting allowed at the school, but hopes we will continue to do activities with our children and grands. When we do an activity, she asks us to take pictures and submit them with an explanation so she can submit them for awards. She suggests looking around home for items to use in craft activities. She showed us one she just worked on, a red child's rubber boot filled with greens from her property. Mary told us about a great "junk shop" in the Yelm area called Second Hand Rose.

Birds Chairman, Sharon Aguilar, recently came across an old book/diary in her basement written by her grandmother in the early 1900's telling about activities in the "Silver Lake Club" in Eatonville. It is no longer active. She shared some of the readings from it.

Dogwood Park Chairman, Diane Mettler, reports that Rocky has been working on clean-up in Dogwood park.

Sunshine Chairman, Ginny Phillips, reports cards were sent to Kathy Johnson at the district level following a car accident her sons were involved in. Condolences were sent to the family of Doris Yuckert on her passing.

Unfinished Business:

Melody Stalk brought members up to date on name tags. She makes one for each new member and an extra is available at meetings in case they forget to bring theirs.

Club booklets were passed out to members who had not received them.

Crystal gave us a report on her high tunnel gardening. She still has chard, romaine, and lettuce

Food bank donations were collected..

New Business:

Lisa Libby explained to us that our club does not have to pay the usual fee to the district for dues being paid/new members joining from now through March. She wondered if we should prorate the dues for these folks. After group discussion, we voted to prorate the dues for members joining through these months to \$10.

Our January meeting will be hosted by Diane Mettler. Jane Smith and Pam Waring will be co-hosting. Lunch will be provided. Kevin Bacher will speak on photographing flowers.

We discussed our February meeting. It has been planned to attend the NW Flower and Garden Show in Seattle which runs February 9th-13th. It was suggested we move our meeting date to Wednesday the 9th to take advantage of opening day which is usually not as congested. We also discussed transportation. Parking is at a premium and it was suggested we try to organize a bus ride or we could drive to the Kent Park and Ride and continue on from there. Dee Hanson suggested that a church in Eatonville has a bus and possibly a driver and may be able to accommodate us. Diane and Dee will check on these possibilities and we will discuss further at the January meeting.

Hill and Dale District New Business:

The district meeting attended by 7 of our members: Kathy Mettler, Mary Bewley, Geneal Palmer, Rosemary Nordstrom, Beth Runyan, Pam Waring, and Ginny Phillips was a lot of fun. Our bazaar table had a really varied collection of items for sale and was a success. The planned speaker on mushrooms was unable to attend and 3 members of different garden clubs in the district, Linda Maida, Judy Strickland and Debbie jumped in to show us what we could do with items gathered from our homes and gardens to create both inside and outside decorations for the holidays. They were a really entertaining trio and had lots of great ideas. After lunch we were all able to shop at the different bazaar tables.

District Garden Therapy Chairman, Sammie Jo Thirtyacre, explained the session planned at the Senior Center in Puyallup in October was canceled because of Covid cases in the facility. They will try again to schedule a session in February.

* Raffle was held. Thank you to Emily, Crystal's daughter, for helping us during the raffle.

* Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

* The Holiday Gift Exchange was held by drawing numbers to choose a gift. There was "stealing" involved :)

Members Attending:

Sharon Aguilar	Carolyn McKelvie
Fawn Bauer	Darlene Nelson
Mary Bewley	Geneal Palmer
Crystal Dorsey	Ginny Phillips
Dee Hanson	Paulette Quirie
Sherry Hanson	Beth Runyan
Anne Hartman	Jane Smith
Katy Hoffman	Melody Stalk
Bev Holze	Sammie Jo Thirtyacre
Lisa Libby	Pam Waring
Diane Mettler	
Kathy Mettler	

Guests:

1. Keri Lynn Hatcher- became a member at this meeting
2. Ken Quirie-husband of Paulette

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips