

Dogwood Garden Club
January 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 10:50 AM by President **Diane Mettler**.

Thank you to hostess **Lynne Smith** and co-hostess **Nancy Schank**

17 members present.

Welcome to our guests **Tanya Roberts** from Ashford and **Lois Brown** from Eatonville.

December minutes motioned approved as read by **Lisa Libby**. We were reminded we can view the minutes from previous meetings on our website at **dogwoodgardenclub.com**. Our club can also be visited on Facebook at Eatonville Dogwood Garden Club.

Treasurer's report given by **Ilse Trujillo-- cking acct: \$3650.73**. Food and \$60 cash that was collected by members at our November meeting was donated in December to the Eatonville Food Bank. It was noted we will make our annual donation to the Daffodil Float in March and the Arbor Day donation in February.

Diane handed out club booklets to those who needed them.

Mary Bewley suggested a correction in our books: the Annual District Workshop will be held on March 30th at the Dryer Masonic Center, 9 AM. More information and sign up for donation of salads and cookies to come at a future meeting.

Diane will update us on the date for the Dogwood Park Clean up at our March meeting.

Mary Bewley reviewed the hierarchy of garden clubs from the local to national level.

New Business:

Start thinking about potting up donations of plant divisions, etc for our annual plant sale for May Day at the high school. We discussed options for labeling prices and several ideas were presented. We will form a group to work on ideas at our next meeting. Decorative baskets or pots "prettied up" are always good sellers to the students for Mother's Day gifts. If anyone has any ideas or items to donate for raffles let **Diane** know.

Diane told us of a friend in Tacoma who grows orchids. She will check into her availability for us having our meeting at her home to view her orchids at our March 10th meeting.

It was pointed out by **Diane** that she was informed about strong herbal oils such as lavender and spearmint being good natural mice repellents. **Terrie Van Eaton** reported good results using "One Bite" which he got from King Feed. Be careful though as "One Bite" is not pet and child friendly.

Diane asked for input for dates for this year's Art In Bloom event. In connection with this there will also be a garden tour this year on the same weekend. July 15-16th was decided to be a good time. Our club remains a sponsor of Art in Bloom and will also sponsor the Garden Tour.

Diane is looking at gardens to be available for the tour. If you have any suggestions/ideas, let her know. **Rosie Trujillo** can pass on information on this event at the upcoming Gala in March and at other District events.

Anne Hartman informed us of an event at Chase Gardens May 21st. This will be an evening event and Cisco will be the speaker. It is predicted tickets (\$50 ea) will be very popular and will go on sale in February. **Diane** will post this information on Dogwood's website.

Sheri Slayton wonders if it is possible to put together our club booklets earlier in order to receive them at the beginning of our meeting season in September. **Diane** says one of the main stumbling blocks in achieving this has been the difficulty of getting members to sign up for hosting meetings. We will push to get this completed earlier. **Diane** can email members a prototype before first meeting if books cannot be ready for delivery by our September meeting date.

Hill and Dale District Business:

Rosie reminded us of the March 22nd District Meeting. The speakers will be Sue Goetz and Marianne Benneti, the topic is pruning and caring for roses. Our club is responsible for the table centerpiece decorations. It should be something blooming, and any costs will be reimbursed by District. These centerpieces are then sold to attendees. Bring any ideas to the February meeting.

Meeting fee of \$2 collected.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Raffle.

Lunch was served by our hostess.

Program: Presentation by Kathy Mettler on grafting of trees and plants. A handout was included and she gave out pear scion wood to those who were interested in trying it out with one of their own pear trees.

Members Present:

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| 1. Mary bewley | 10. Paulette Quirie |
| 2. Sharon Burlingame | 11. Nancy Schank |
| 3. Linda Evaro | 12. Sheri Slayton |
| 4. Anne Hartman | 13. Lynne Smith |
| 5. Lisa Libby | 14. Ilse Trujillo |
| 6. Diane Mettler | 15. Rosie Trujillo |
| 7. Kathy Mettler | 16. Sharon Van Eaton |
| 8. Geneal Palmer | 17. Terrie Van Eaton |
| 9. Ginny Phillips | |

Guests:

Tanya Roberts
Lois Brown

Minutes recorded by Secretary **Ginny Phillips**