

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes May 11, 2023

Business Meeting:

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Mettler at 10:40 am. Thank you to our hostess Dee Hanson and co-hostess Rosemary Nordstrom.

23 members present.

Welcome to guests Chris Whitwell and Randy Welcher.

Lisa Libby motioned, 2nd by Tina Roy to approve the April minutes as read. Approved by members present.

Treasurer's report given by Lisa Libby. Tentative earnings from our plant sale are \$1622.79 to be finalized at our June meeting. Dues were collected for 2023-2024 garden club year. Motion made by Darlene Nelson to accept the treasurer's report and was voted approved by members present. Dues were collected.

Chairman Reports:

Building Habitat for Birds: Nancy Schank shared a Fothergila Major "Mount Airy" shrub. Native to N & S Carolina. Loved by birds, grows to about 4' x 4', honey scented blossoms in spring, will be happy anywhere a Rhododendron does well. No special pruning needed and beautiful fall color lasts a long time. To read more on this species we are referred to horticulturist/author Michael Dirr.

Sunshine: Ginny Phillips reports a card was sent to Mary Bewley and family regarding Mary's granddaughter's car accident. Card sent to Beth Runyan re: shoulder surgery recovery. A card will be sent to Katy Hoffman as she is under the weather. Lisa Libby reports she will be having foot surgery May 18th following an injury.

Programs: Dee Hanson, Fawn Bauer and Katy Hoffman have been serving on this committee for 2 yrs now. Dee and Fawn will continue on but Katy will not be continuing. Dee and Fawn request another member to help them. Please call Dee or Fawn if you are interested.

ECHO: The latest issue of the ECHO was sent to all members recently. Our Dogwood report written by Crystal Dorsey was well written as usual. Thank you to Crystal and Anne Hartman, editor of the ECHO, for their great contributions.

Garden Therapy: Sammie Jo reports there will be garden therapy on May 25th at the Silver Creek Retirement and Assisted Living facility 10-11:30 am. They will be planting several planters at the request of the facility. Silver Creek will be providing the soil and plants and we will be assisting the residents in this activity. Volunteers are needed from our club along with others from all the Hill and Dale clubs.

Youth Gardening: Sherry Hanson reports no new information to report.

Awards: Rosemary Nordstrom reports she and Pam Waring are working on applications for 4 awards: Honor Club, Helpful Husbands, Share Our Knowledge, and Civic Development. Pam will not be continuing forever and Rosemary will be needing another computer experienced member to help with awards in the future.

Plant Sale: Diane Mettler unable to attend today but she and Kathy thank the many members who were able to come out and help set up tables and tents, those who donated plants, placed plants, hosted the donation table, Pam and all others for setting up and working the youth planting area and those who helped our visitors to choose and buy plants. Another successful sale. The leftover plants are being donated to the Bethany Lutheran Church on Mountain Highway for their plant sale fundraiser. We discussed the club purchasing a plant label that was tried out successfully at the sale. Lisa motioned that we purchase these for our future sales. It was approved by members.

Leslee Dunlap brought several Corydalis plants today for members to purchase with funds to go to the plant sale fund.

Dogwood Park: Rosemary reported for Bev Holze. The next clean up at Dogwood Park will be Saturday, June 10th, 9:30-12:30. Please RSVP to Bev or Dee if you will attend the clean-up. The committee met with the Eatonville Mayor and thanked him for his thoughts on the park. Mary Bewley informed us that the park property was originally donated to the State WSDOT and Dogwood oversaw the plantings and placement of the Blue Star Markers. The spokesman at the WSDOT has been researching if there was a formal agreement written up as to Dogwood being caretakers of the Park.

Historian: Melody Stalk continues to work on organizing the archives for Dogwood. She purchased an electronic video frame and has been scanning Dogwood photos into the device so that we can have it to look at when we meet. Please continue to send her photos, etc to be scanned onto our thumb drive. Lisa Libby motioned for the club to pay for this video frame. Voted approved by members.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion was had on the election of officers. Nominations from the floor were asked for. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre, 2nd by Lisa Libby, made a motion to close the nominations. Slate of officers was presented by Kathy Mettler:

President: Kathy Mettler

Vice President: will remain an open position. VP fills in for the President as needed. Other duties to be decided.

Secretary: Position to be shared by Donna Rahier and Sylvia Russell

Treasurer: Lisa Libby. (Lisa would like to have a co-treasurer to be trained for this position.)

Carolyn McKelvie, 2nd by Tina Roy made a motion to accept the new officers. Members voted to accept the new slate of officers as presented.

Tina Roy has purchased 5 Home Depot gift cards (\$20 each) from the petty cash fund collected from raffle donations, to be gifted to the following helpful husbands: Rich Libby, Rich Nelson, Phil Nordstrom, Brian Russell and Kerry Harris.

New Business:

On Sunday May 28th, 11 am, we will have a work party to make 120 small bouquets to be placed on the veteran's graves in the Eatonville cemetery for Memorial Day. We'll meet at Crystal Dorsey's barn, 9817 - 381st St E, Eatonville . Bring a chair if you want to be seated, gloves, hand clippers, greenery and flowers that you have available to share. Many workers help this fun project be accomplished pretty quickly. Mary Bewley will make the red, white and blue ribbons to tie the bouquets together. Boy Scouts will place the bouquets for us in the afternoon of the 28th.

Beth Runyon let us know of a farmer's market being held at the Ohop Grange on May 26th and 27th from 10-2. You can rent a table, \$20 for members, \$25 for non members. Call Eileen Johnson if interested, 360-832-4684.

Hill and Dale New Business:

The event "Metal Magic" will be taking place May 20th, 10am -3pm. Refer to the ECHO for details.

There will be a District Meeting held at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306 - 134th Street S., Tacoma on May 23rd . There will be a flower show, installment of new officers, speakers and lunch served. Cost to attend is \$15. Floral entries, etc can be entered from 8:30 - 9:30 am. Meeting to start at 10 am. Our club is responsible for 13 table centerpieces this time and also gifts for the 6 judges. Kathy M suggested small orchids which she saw for a reasonable price at Walmart. We can sell the 13 centerpieces to interested

attendees. Lisa Libby and Darlene Nelson will go shopping for this after the meeting today. Sign up sheet passed.

Kathy Mettler and Lisa Libby will be attending the WSFGC convention in Tacoma in June.

The District annual bus trip will be held June 20th. Information in the ECHO.

Pierce County Fair will take place August 10-13th. Volunteers will be needed to ready the Floral building, take entries and be hostesses, etc. More details at the District meeting. Each club is asked to provide a large black pot of plantings, to be placed in full sun at the side of the floral building. We will finalize plans for this project at our June meeting.

- Next meeting is June 8th. Our hostess, Beth Runyan, plans to host us at her home depending on the weather. Optional site would be at the Ohop Grange. Lisa Libby will be our speaker. We will be making 2 wire cages each. Lisa will see about getting a 50 ft roll of wire for this project and will need help in preparing the wire. Cost to be covered by the club.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.
- Raffle was held.
- Lunch served by our hostesses.

Program: Sue Goetz was our speaker and led us in designing a new garden space.

Members Present:

1. Fawn Bauer
2. Mary Bewley
3. Leslee Dunlap
4. Dee Hanson
5. Sherry Hanson
6. Keri Hatcher
7. Creig Kuwitski
8. Lisa Libby
9. Carolyn McKelvie
10. Kathy Mettler
11. Darlene Nelson
12. Rosemary Nordstrom
13. Ginny Phillips
14. Donna Rahier
15. Tina Roy
16. Beth Runyan
17. Sylvia Russell
18. Nancy Schank
19. Jane Smith
20. Melody Stalk
21. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre
22. Pam Waring
23. Sharon Van Eaton

Guests:

1. Randy Welcher
2. Chris Whitwell

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips

