

## **Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes February 9, 2023**

### **Business Meeting:**

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Mettler at 10:30 am. Thank you to our hostesses Carolyn McKelvie, Leslee Dunlap, Dianne Gonzalez, Rosemary Nordstrom and Donna Rahier. Thanks again to the Ohop Grange for offering us this place to meet.

**26** members present. Welcome to guest Chris.

Mary Bewley motioned, 2nd by Darlene Nelson to accept the minutes as written. Approved by members present.

Treasurer Lisa Libby was not present today but submitted a written treasurer's report. Geneal Palmer motioned, 2nd by Donna Rahier and voted approved by members present to accept the report as written.

The \$5 donation made in memory of Sharon Aguilar will be donated to N W Trek in Sharon's name. Sharon had been a volunteer at the park in past years.

### **Chairman Reports:**

**Building Habitat For Birds: Nancy Schank** introduced this month's plant, a Flowering Quince "Double Take Scarlet". It is thornless, red blooms in the spring and sometimes repeats in the summer. It is of modest size, 4-5 ft tall and wide, small birds like it, tolerates shade and is drought tolerant. It bears no fruit and rabbits like to nibble on lower branches.

**Sunshine: Ginny Phillips** informed us on the death of Lisa Libby's mother, and the upcoming hip surgery for Kathy Carver. Cards were passed to sign for both these members. Bev Holze is present today and improving from her knee surgery. Beth Runyan had recent shoulder surgery.

**Garden Therapy: Sammie Jo Thirtyacre** reports that Garden Therapy will be taking place on February 23rd, 10 - 11:30 am at Silver Creek Retirement and Assisted Living, 17607 91st Ave E, Puyallup. Several members volunteered to help at this district event, Darlene Nelson, Jane Smith, Louise Harris, and Paulette Quirie. They will be working with the residents to plant bulbs to be enjoyed in their rooms.

**Youth Gardening: Sherry Hanson** contacted the three Eatonville Elementary schools to inform them of the scholarship application opportunity from the District for gardening projects. Columbia Crest has an established program which has someone in charge and Sherry forwarded the application to this person. Weyerhaeuser has no one in charge of their program and Eatonville does not have a program at present. Sherry forwarded the application to their respective principals. This brought up the question of our donations to the 3 schools from our club with us wondering if these funds have been distributed and used by the schools. We will readdress our donation to the schools after we have more information on disbursement and use of the funds.

**Dogwood Park: Dee Hanson** reports the committee met prior to today and they are planning a spring clean-up at Dogwood Park on Saturday 3-25-23 from 9:30-1:30. All are welcome. They are planning on power washing the pavers, benches and the memorial depending on time involved. Bring gloves and favorite tools. Question arose about continuing to use Rocky's services. They will be evaluating this. Maybe the funds not spent could be used for new plantings in the future. Please email Bev Holze if you plan to attend, [beverlyholze@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyholze@gmail.com).

### **Unfinished Business:**

Club books were given to Dianne Gonzalez and Leslee Dunlap.

Rosemary Nordstrom volunteered to be our Awards Chairman. Pam Waring will work with Rosemary and help with writing up the submissions. Mary Bewley will continue to work on Junior awards. Please submit information and paper pictures to her for youth projects you may be involved with such as the strawberry planting project at our plant sale, etc.

Kathy Mettler reminds us to keep in mind our plant sale scheduled for May 6th at the Visitor Center as you start your spring clean-up. Penny Swanson has started herb plants to donate to the sale. Diane Mettler, our sale chairman, wonders if anyone has any of the signs we have used in the past. If you need help making signs to place on plants or groups of plants, Bev may be able to help.

**New Business:**

Kathy M has appointed Tina Roy to become our raffle chairman. She will conduct the raffles and will keep funds collected as petty cash. These funds may be used for miscellaneous things. She will keep us posted on the amount in petty cash and will consult with the board on any expenditures needed.

Kathy M let us know it is time to form a nominating committee for nominating new officers in our club. This committee will be comprised of 3 past presidents as per our bylaws. Kathy will be requesting Diane Mettler, Mary Bewley and Rosie Trujillo to form this committee.

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs member cards were passed out to members.

Katy Hoffman gave details on our March 9th meeting. We will be going on a road trip to Mossyrock to the DeGoede Farm and Garden and will be hosted by the Mossyrock Garden Club. Dress warmly, bring a sack lunch and one tool to be sharpened. Hot drinks will be provided.

**Hill and Dale Business:**

Kathy M and Mary reminded us of the upcoming Flower Show School being held March 7, 8, 9th at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306-134th St S, Tacoma. Registration is required and there is a cost involved. You can go to the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs for more info and to register to attend.

- Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.
- Raffle was held.
- Lunch was served by our hostesses.

**Program:** Presented by Fawn Bauer on “Bats” and the important role they play in keeping our gardens healthy. We learned a lot about attracting bats to our yards and how they benefit our gardens.

**Members Present:**

1. Fawn Bauer	14. Darlene Nelson
2. Mary Bewley	15. Rosemary Nordstrom
3. Leslee Dunlap	16. Geneal Palmer
4. Dianne Gonzalez	17. Ginny Phillips
5. Dee Hanson	18. Paulette Quirie
6. Sherry Hanson	19. Donna Rahier
7. Louise Harris	20. Tina Roy
8. Anne Hartman	21. Beth Runyan
9. Katy Hoffman	22. Nancy Schank
10. Bev Holze	23. Jane Smith
11. Creig Kuwitzky	24. Penny Swanson
12. Carolyn McKelvie	25.Sammie Jo Thirtyacre
13. Kathy Mettler	26. Pam Waring

**Guest:** Chris, friend of Beth Runyan

Minute recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips