

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes May 10, 2018

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President **Diane Mettler** at 10:40 am. Thank you to hostess **Mary Bewley** and co-hostess **Paulette Quirie** for having us. **Mary** introduced the meaning of the German word "gestalt" and how it relates to the special evolution of her gardens and home.

23 members present.

Welcome to visitors **Rosie Trujillo** and **Kathy Carver**. (**Kathy** did later join and became a member of our club today.)

Lisa Libby made a motion, 2nd by **Paulette** and voted approved by members present to approve the April meeting minutes as read.

Thanks again to the "Mineral Crew" for hosting us at the Old Mineral School last month, it was a fun venue.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer **Lisa Libby**. **Lisa** will continue to collect annual dues of \$25 for the upcoming year today. The May Day Plant Sale brought in a profit of \$516 after expenses.

Chairman Report:

Kathy Mettler Dogwood Park Clean-up was very productive. Thanks to all who participated: **Mary Bewley** (master of weed whacker string), **Kathy Mettler**, **Sammie Jo Thirtyacre**, **Pam Waring**, **Lisa Libby**, **Terry Van Eaton**, **Henry Louie**, **Jan Landry**, **Kathleen Owen** and her husband **Ken**, and **Ginny Phillips**. A picture of the group can be found in the new ECHO. It was pointed out that the display of daffodils in one portion of Dogwood Park needs replenishing. A motion was made by **Lisa L**, 2nd by **Kathy M**, and voted approved by members present to use \$100 to purchase bulbs for the Jr Garden Club to do some replanting this fall. **Mary** gave us an explanation of the meaning of the Blue Star Marker memorial at Dogwood Park and the Eatonville Cemetery.

Unfinished Business:

There are still many members with live poinsettias that are in the running in the Poinsettia Challenge.

Diane M gave a review of the Community Day Plant Sale. It went very well with a nice profit. Thanks to the many who volunteered their time at the sale and who donated plants to sell. It is suggested that next year we put together a committee to work on the sale project to be sure all bases are covered. We will also try to coordinate with the local schools on the types of plants everyone will be selling and try not to overlap with duplicates. We have always tried to stay with divisions of perennials from our gardens so as not to conflict with others selling vegetables. Leftover plants will be donated to the plant sale at the District meeting on May 22nd.

We were well represented at Garden Therapy yesterday by 3 of our members, **Linda Evaro**, **Sammie Jo**, and **Paulette**. They shared their experience with us about the fulfilling, fun experience it is. They worked with 15 residents this time.

Diane went over the upcoming Art in Bloom in July. She passed out information cards for us and to share with our friends, etc. Dogwood Garden Club will act as a sponsor for the event with proceeds again going to the Eatonville Family Agency Food Bank. Events will include "Art in the Garden" with booths by vendors on Saturday July 21 at the Van Eaton's property, "GardenTour" of private local gardens Saturday July 21- Sunday July 22, and a pre-event auction in the garden on Friday July 20th. **Terry** and **Sharon Van Eaton** let us know they will be donating a large collector's doll to be auctioned off in the Friday night event. Many volunteers are needed to make this whole event a success and a sign up sheet was passed.

New Business:

Sharon Aguilar brought succulents, blue Bell bulbs and Iris corms out of her garden for us to take home.

Diane M brought misc plants given to her by Greg Graves of Old Goat Farm to share with us.

Old Goat Farm is open this weekend.

Geneal Palmer told us about a card that can be purchased for \$10 that lists participating local businesses giving great specials that can be redeemed when shopping at these businesses. Proceeds will benefit the Family Agency.

Hill and Dale District Business:

The District Meeting is being held on Tuesday May 22nd at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306 134th St S, Tacoma. A signup sheet was passed. We need to inform **Lisa Libby** by May 16th to make a reservation which is helpful for knowing how many people to set up for. It is suggested we give a "maybe we will be attending" if we are not sure. We can still come on the day of and pay at the door. There is a charge of \$15 which includes lunch and 2 programs. The AM program is on Lavender, the PM program is on displaying horticulture we want to display. Details can be found in the newest ECHO which was either emailed or mailed to us recently.

Lisa L informed us that Pierce County Fair is taking place August 9-12 and a sign up sheet was passed to volunteer as hostesses.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Lunch was served by our hostesses.

Raffle of 7 items was held.

Program: Master Gardener and member of the Rhododendron Species Association, **Steve Johnson**, gave a presentation on the growing of Rhododendrons. He was very helpful in answering our many questions on growing these beauties and gave out informational bookmarks.

Members Present:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. Sharon Burlingame
4. Ana Casanova
5. Linda Evaro
6. Sherry Hanson
7. Anne Hartman
8. Lisa Hoversten
9. Jan Landry
10. Lisa Libby
11. Diane Mettler
12. Kathy Mettler
13. Kathleen Owen
14. Geneal Palmer
15. Ginny Phillips
16. Paulette Quirie
17. Nancy Schank
18. Lynne Smith
19. Melody Stalk
20. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre
21. Sharon Van Eaton
22. Terry Van Eaton
23. Pam Waring

Guests:

Kathy Carver
Rosie Trujillo

Minutes recorded by Secretary **Ginny Phillips**