

Dogwood Meeting Minutes September 10, 2020

Business Meeting:

Meeting was brought to order by Vice President Kathy Mettler at 10:40 am at Soos Creek Botanical Gardens under their open Pavillion. Thank you to Kathy Mettler and Ginny Phillips for hosting.

A motion was made by Lisa Libby and 2nd by Pam Waring to approve the June minutes as read by members via email or review of hard copy.

Treasurer's report given by Treasurer Lisa Libby. Checking account balance is \$4372.36. Lisa gave members a copy of the Fiscal year, September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020, revenues and expenses and a copy of revenue and expenses so far in September 2020.

The new club booklets were distributed to members present.

Chairman Reports:

Sunshine chairman Ginny Phillips passed a card for members to sign for our president Diane Mettler. Lisa L had a suggestion for all members to check in with members we have not heard from for a while with a phone call or note. Also please notify Ginny if you know of a member who needs a little sunshine sent their way. Ginny shared with the group 2 Dogwood booklets and a cookbook published by Dogwood from the 1970's she had received from Rosemary Nordstrom. These had belonged to Rosemary's mother who was a Dogwood member at that time. These will be given to our president Diane Mettler to enjoy. Melody Stalk volunteered to be Historian for our club.

Kathy M discussed Dogwood Park clean up in October. Because of the continuing status of Covid-19, after discussion by members, Lisa L motioned, 2nd by Sammie Jo Thirtyacre and agreed by members present to continue having Rocky continue with the clean up.

Mary Bewley reminded us that there will be no Jr Garden Club meetings with students at present because of continuing Covid-19 restrictions.

New Business:

Our new club booklets for 2020-2021 were passed out to those present. Several members took extras to pass on to members they would be seeing.

We discussed the continuing restrictions for meeting indoors as a group and what other alternatives we have. Zoom meetings are always possible, but some members have difficulty taking part. Lisa L says she has large tents we could sit under for meeting outside. She suggested we check with the Schactlers for possible use of their greenhouse. The board will discuss and explore options.

We shared how different plants have done in our gardens this growing season. Kathy M says to check with her for Abutilon (flowering maple) starts. Lisa L shared Money Plant seeds from her garden. Mary says she still has bamboo stalks for staking, etc if anyone needs them.

Old Business:

Several members shared the status of their Amaryllis bulbs. Some are doing well, some not so much. Lisa reminded us to take pictures to document progress.

The question came up if there would be another plant sale like the one Diane and Kathy Mettler hosted instead of the cancelled May Day sale. It proved to be a very successful fundraiser. It is something to consider and will be addressed later in our garden club year. Members agreed they would like to do it again. In the meantime as we divide and thin plants, please save and pot some plants for future use in plant sales. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre says she has succulents to donate for the sale.

Hill and Dale District New Business:

Lisa Libby reported that the September 22nd District Meeting will take place via Zoom online. There will be practice Zoom training on September 15th and 16th at 10 am. Lisa will send us information in order to take part in these meetings. Hill and Dale District is exploring a new physical meeting space for when we are able to meet again as we are outgrowing the space we've been using.

Lisa L and Mary reported entering horticulture in the Pierce County Virtual Fair and winning awards.

Sammie Jo reported that district GardenTherapy is unable to meet at present at Silver Creek Retirement Facility because of Covid restrictions. Lisa L suggested it might be possible to meet outdoors on the patio with a limited number of residents present. Or we could possibly put together "kits" to give to the residents to put together. Sammie Jo will check with the facilitator at the facility.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Raffle was held for 4 items.

Members Present:

1. Fawn Bauer
2. Mary Bewley
3. Kathy Carver
4. Dee Hanson
5. Katy Hoffman
6. Lisa Libby
7. Kathy Mettler
8. Ginny Phillips
9. Paulette Quirie
10. Jane Smith
11. Melody Stalk
12. Pam Waring

Guest:

Patty Daniel / friend of Dee Hanson

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips