

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2020

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President Diane Mettler at 10:40 am at the Eatonville Visitor Center. Thank you to our hostesses Diane Mettler and Kathy Mettler. We will try to reschedule our original road trip planned for today to the W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory to another time.

15 members present.

Motion made by Mary Bewley, 2nd by Kathy Mettler and voted approved by members present to accept the December minutes as read via email and hard copy.

Treasurer's report given by Treasurer Lisa Libby. Lisa is requesting an audit be done of her records as a back up check system. She has turned over her records to member Sherry Hanson and she will be assisted by members Lisa Hoversten and Ginny Phillips to accomplish this.

Chairman Report:

Sunshine chairman Ginny Phillips read correspondence received from member Kathy Bowman thanking us for messages received during her recent illness. Another card was passed for members to sign for Kathy.

New Business:

Our February meeting will be held at Kathy Mettler's home with member Nancy Schank giving a program on pruning Hydrangeas. This is a program we'll all benefit from, and a good meeting to invite guests to attend.

Diane and Lisa Hoversten have had an idea of putting together a bartering/trading fair of gardening type items this coming summer in Eatonville. Our club would organize it and invite our community, surrounding communities, and members from other District garden clubs. It was suggested we could possibly hold it at the Visitor Center if possible. They are asking for ideas and suggestions and we'll discuss further at our next meetings.

Remember our annual May plant sale as we get closer to spring and dividing plants in our gardens.

Old Business:

Booklets were available for those who hadn't received one yet. Lisa Libby will deliver one to member Leslee Dunlap in Mineral.

Diane has sent for Amaryllis bulbs and is still awaiting delivery for those who want a bulb to take part in our Amaryllis growing club project. For those of us who have growing bulbs already, try to keep notes and take pictures on their progress and what you are doing to care for them. We will be gathering this info later in the year to submit for judging on our project. Ginny Phillips told us about a website/ Facebook page she follows called Garden Answer. They posted a video on growing and caring for Amaryllis today which was very good. She suggested checking it out.

Membership cards were available for those who had not received them yet.

Hill and Dale District New Business:

The next District Garden Therapy will take place on February 27th, 9 am, at Silver Creek Retirement and Assisted Living in Puyallup. Our members Linda Evaro and Sammie Jo Thirtyacre are organizing and leading this program for the District this year. Each club in the district is encouraged to have 1-2 members take part in this each session.

April 1st will be our club's turn to provide an arrangement / design for the winner, of the District raffle, to receive a design a month for a year. Our member Linda Evaro was the very lucky winner.

The annual District Workshop will be held March 31st. Each club provides a "basket" to be silent auctioned at this event. We did some brainstorming on ideas for this basket. Lisa L suggested an Italian or Mexican food theme along with appropriate plants. Kathy M suggested a plant stand could be incorporated. Paulette Quirie suggested a hollowed log with plants which might be too heavy planted up. Pam Waring suggested a theme of ecological plantings. These ideas will be considered and discussed at our next meeting and a decision made. If you have any further ideas they would be most welcome. Please email Diane Mettler with any ideas.

There will be a "Creative Adventure" flower Show and Spring Board Meeting of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs held March 9-11 at the Little Creek Casino Resort in Shelton, WA. There will be numerous workshops to attend, a flower show and a chance to meet up with fellow garden club members. Reference an email sent to all garden club members January 5th for more information.

Nancy suggested if you attend, to fit in a visit to "Far Reachers" nursery in Pt Townsend.

Mary Bewley has asked for someone to take over her responsibility of representing our club at district board meetings. Lisa Libby will do this for our club.

We continue to collect old worn out shoes/boots for use in a succulent planting project for youth at the Pierce County Fair in August.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Raffle held for 2 items.

Program: Mary Bewley gave a presentation on making design components. Members shared things happening in their gardens.

Members Attending:

1. Susan Arthur
2. Mary Bewley
3. Sherry Hanson
4. Katy Hoffman
5. Lisa Libby
6. Diane Mettler
7. Kathy Mettler
8. Rosemary Nordstrom
9. Geneal Palmer
10. Ginny Phillips
11. Paulette Quirie
12. Nancy Schank
13. Jane Smith
14. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre
15. Pam Waring

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips