

## **Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes October 10, 2019**

### **Business Meeting:**

Meeting called to order at 10:35 by President Diane Mettler. Thank you to our hostesses Diane and Kathy Mettler, and Cox's Tree Farm for hosting us.

**16** members present.

Welcome to guests Connie Walter, Katy Hoffman, and Susan Arthur.

Motion to accept September minutes as read by members via email or hard copy made by Lisa Libby, 2nd by Sammie Jo Thirtyacre and voted approved by the members present.

Treasurer's report given by Lisa Libby.

Cards were passed for members to write messages to Lynne Smith and the Van Eaton's.

### **Chairman Report:**

Diane led a discussion on priorities for proceeding with the Dogwood Park clean-up this month. We agreed that getting rid of blackberries is a priority. Lisa L suggested the idea of having large rocks placed along the fence line once blackberries are cleaned up. It may require the use of a chemical to really get rid of the blackberries. We would need to confer with the county and as a good neighbor policy with the adjacent property owners before the use of these products. A motion was made by Kathy Mettler and voted approved by members to allow \$150 for this work. Diane will schedule Dogwood Park clean up with our landscaper Rocky and have him work as many hours as \$150 will cover toward this physical cleaning of blackberry bushes. Diane will also contact the county to discuss the use of chemicals and the idea of rock placement.

### **New Business:**

Our new Club Booklets were handed out. Chris Bivins did a new design with beautiful results. Lisa Libby had the printing done at Office Depot using the garden club's discount card.

November meeting will be held at Ginny Phillips home with Co-Hostess Sherry Hanson. Katy Hoffman will be our speaker. Katy will get a list of materials needed for the presentation to Diane.

### **Old Business:**

Melody Stalk handed out new name tags to those who hadn't received them yet. Thank you to Melody for providing us with these beautiful name tags.

Discussion was had again on the subject of planting up the pots outside the Community Center. Keeping these pots watered is a concern, but Melody assures us there is someone there who could take care of this. She said the center likes the idea of putting in some sort of evergreen such as mini Alberta Spruce. It was suggested that there might be more disease resistant items to consider such as boxwoods, etc. We could possibly consider contributing to a project like this by volunteering to do the planting, but would need the investment of the Center in such a project. It might be a good idea for the center to approach the Eatonville Nursery for their input on such a project.

### **Hill and Dale New Business:**

Lisa Libby said she still has tickets to sell for the upcoming raffle at the District Holiday Meeting on December 3rd. The winner will receive a bouquet or design each month for a year. Our club will be responsible for providing one of these designs to the ultimate winner. The tickets are \$1 each / 5 for \$5.

At that December 3rd District Holiday meeting, each club has the opportunity to sell crafts they have made. We discussed previously to make fresh wreaths and swags. It is also a possibility to incorporate the ideas Katy Hoffman will present on holiday wreaths at our November meeting into this project. We might even be able to use that meeting to put together these crafts for the holiday meeting in December.

Lisa reminded us to save old shoes and boots for donation to be used as a planting project at the Pierce County Fair next August.

Sammie Jo Thirtyacre reminded us of the upcoming Garden Therapy which will take place on October 24th, 9 - 10:30 am at the Silver Creek Retirement Center, 17607 91st Ave E, Puyallup, just off 176th and just past the WinCo store. She and Linda Evaro are now in charge of this 3 times a year Garden Therapy project for the district along with the help of Lisa Libby. They will be using small pumpkins as vases and filling them with flowers as a project with the residents. They would appreciate donations of 4-6 inch pumpkins and any flowers we might be able to give. Please contact Sammie Jo by the 23rd if you are able to contribute time or materials. Items could also be delivered to Mary Bewley for pick up by Sammie Jo.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Raffle held.

Dessert served by hostesses.

Mel Cox gave a presentation on his Christmas Tree Farm and gave a guided tour around to look at the process of growing a tree from sapling to a tree ready to decorate. Thank you Mel for the information and for having us, it was great!

**Members Present:**

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Marcia Burroughs
3. Anne Hartman
4. Keri Lynn Hatcher
5. Lisa Libby
6. Diane Mettler
7. Kathy Mettler
8. Rosemary Nordstrom
9. Geneal Palmer
10. Ginny Phillips
11. Paulette Quirie
12. Beth Runyan
13. Nancy Schank
14. Jane Smith
15. Melody Stalk
16. Pam Waring

**Guests:**

1. Susan Arthur
2. Katy Hoffman
3. Connie Walter

A big welcome to new members Susan Arthur and Katy Hoffman who joined our club at meetings end.

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips