

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes November 11, 2021

Business Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Mettler at 10:40 am. Many thanks to Fawn Bauer for stepping up last minute to fill in hosting our meeting at her home.

14 members present. Two new members joined today, Donna Rahier and Marilee Galligan. Welcome to Geneal Palmer's guest Caroline Scott.

A motion was made by Lisa Libby to accept the October meeting minutes, and accepted by members present.

Treasurer Lisa Libby gave a treasurer's report from an emailed copy sent to members. Lisa gave us an explanation of Penny Pines which we donate to annually. It is a national garden club program which we can and do choose to support. Funds that we donate are then used to fund trees to be reforested to a place we choose. We have our funds used to reforest the Gifford Pinchot Forest in our area.

We had a discussion on the Covid issue, vaccinating and masking at meetings. We agreed everyone has the choice how we personally feel about these issues and that we all need to continue to be very cautious and do the things we can to keep everyone safe such as masking when meeting indoors.

We collected food items and cash for the Eatonville Community Center food bank

Chairman Reports:

Junior Gardeners: Mary Bewley reports we are still unable to work in person with the students at school, but we can still work with our children and grands at home. Any projects you do with the children count toward being active with youth. Please take pictures and notes to document. Jane Smith has done this with her grands involving apples she grew. They picked the apples, made applesauce and enjoyed eating it. Jane turned the info into Mary and she will be submitting this project for judging. She can add other projects to this also. Please submit to her before December 15th. Smokey Bear posters can still be submitted to Mary also before Dec 15th. Kathy Bowman, former junior gardeners advisor, is also still working with her neighborhood kids and grands on different projects.

Dogwood Park: Rocky has been at work doing fall cleanup.

Sunshine: Card will be sent out to Kathy Johnson, district, following a car accident her sons were involved in. Condolences will be sent to Doris Yuckert's family on her passing.

Awards: Lisa Libby has stepped down as awards chairman and Pam Waring volunteered to take over this Committee. Lisa will work with Pam to get her started submitting awards due in December. Our growing project this year is one to be submitted. It was suggested that we submit the "Helpful Husband" award for Chris Bivins this year. He is such a huge help to us in so many ways. This award is sponsored by Mary Bewley.

Unfinished Business:

Our new Club books were handed out to those present. We will send out info on our new members to be added to our books. These books are a wealth of information, from listing all members information to info on district events and also lists all our planned meetings for the year.

We discussed our ideas for the sale table we will be doing at the District meeting November 30th. We will be selling items produced from our gardens, jams, jellies, produce, baked items, etc. Ginny has garlic she and Sherry grew, Mary makes fig bread from her fig tree, Sylvia has butternut squash, Geneal pear jam, Beth peach jam, and Kathy M has a couple wool felted oven mitts to contribute. We welcome contributions any of our other members have to share also. Please label your items with a price keeping in mind reasonably priced items move better, These things can be dropped off to Kathy Mettler by **November 28th**. If she is not home, you can leave them under her carport. Please be sure to have a note who they are from and if you want your items returned if not sold. We will be setting up our display from 8 - 9:30 the morning of the meeting..

Hill and Dale District New Business:

The District Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 30th from 10 am - 2pm. A sign up sheet was passed. They prefer us to sign up in advance so they can reserve lunch for those attending. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch and programs presented. Following the usual business meeting, the morning program will be given by Jesse Karkiainen on the cultivation of mushrooms and cooking with them. After lunch we will be shopping at all the

booths set up by all the garden clubs. Please contact Lisa Libby by November 23rd to sign up for the meeting (llibby@centurytel.net / 360-492-3007). If you are unsure if you're able to attend, you can also pay at the door. Location of the meeting is at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306 - 134th St South, Tacoma.

Mary would like to get in touch with Mr Heheman at Columbia Crest School in Ashford to let him know the deadline for submitting for the district scholarship for the school's gardening project is approaching. Lisa Libby will get that info to Mary.

Our next meeting will be December 9th at Crystal Dorseys home. Darlene Nelson is co-hostess. Traditionally we exchange gifts with a gardening related theme. We do a potluck lunch by bringing a main dish or dessert. Also we will continue gathering food for the Eatonville Community Center food bank. More details to follow later.

Raffle held.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Program: Katy Hoffman presented a wonderful program on decorating for the holidays using live and artificial items and how to use design elements to make them. She had many beautiful examples to demonstrate her ideas.

Members Attending:

1. Fawn Bauer
2. Mary Bewley
3. Marilee Galligan-new member today
4. Katy Hoffman
5. Lisa Libby
6. Carolyn McKelvie
7. Kathy Mettler
8. Geneal Palmer
9. Ginny Phillips
10. Donna Rahier- new member today
11. Tina Roy
12. Beth Runyan
13. Sylvia Russell
14. Pam Waring

Guest: Caroline Scott

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips