

Dogwood Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2020

Business Meeting:

Meeting brought to order by president Diane Mettler at 10:40 am. Thank you to our hostess Diane Mettler and co-hostess Kathy Mettler.

13 members present.

Motion was made by Kathy Mettler and voted by members present to approve the February minutes as read via email and hard copy.

Treasurer Lisa Libby not present today. Mary Bewley started collecting dues of \$25 for the 2020/2021 club year. We will continue collection of dues next month.

Chairman Report:

Sunshine Chairman Ginny Phillips reported sunshine messages sent to several members.

New Business:

Our April 9th meeting will be held at the Mineral Lake Historical Lodge and will be hosted by our garden club members in the Mineral area. The program is on garden art and we'll be building our own piece to take home for our gardens. More information to follow later. If we are unable to physically meet next month because of the Coronavirus situation, Diane has the capability to hook us up for an online conference call meeting.

Old Business:

Our Amaryllis project continues. Remember to take notes and pictures to document the progress of your plants as the year goes on. As your plant finishes blooming, cut back the bloom stem but leave the green leaves to gather and provide nourishment for the plant. Diane will email out the information for care of our plants.

Continue to pot up plants for the May Day sale. Try to label each plant with its name and description on planting, etc. Pictures are very helpful if possible. Diane showed us multi-colored wide popsicle sticks she found at a dollar store that might be easier to use when price labeling. Our application for this event has been submitted. Discussion was held on ideas for items to sell besides plants. Diane has 2 wood birdhouses for someone to take to paint and decorate. Check in with her if you want to do this. We have so many artistic members who would do great at this. Diane also has extra vases to share that we could put small bouquets of cut flowers into to sell. If you know certain plants you'll be potting up let Diane know and she maybe can include a picture of them on a poster she is working on. Sharon Aguilar has many Hens and Chicks succulents for the sale but needs someone to come and plant them up. If you have extra pots to share please bring to the next meeting. Jane Smith suggested putting packets of seeds together to sell. We discussed options in the event May Day would be cancelled in light of the recent restrictions concerning the current health concerns. Diane proposed the idea of holding a Dogwood Club plant sale at a later time such as June or later. We could look into using the visitor center and possibly invite other garden clubs to participate.

Hill and Dale District New Business:

The District meeting scheduled for March 24th and the Workshop scheduled for March 31st have been **cancelled** due to the restrictions in connection with the Coronavirus health concerns. The District

and our club will see about refunds for those who have already paid for these events. We will keep our idea for the raffle basket in mind for the future.

Paulette Quirie reported District Garden Therapy took place on February 27th and it was a fun planting project to share with the residents of Silver Creek Retirement and Assisted Living. Our members who took part were Paulette, Sammie Jo Thirtyacre and Lisa Libby along with other district garden club members.

Mary Bewley reported on the District's responsibility in the Pierce County Fair which includes the needed participation of our club members. We are asked for our input on ideas for decorating the horticulture building with the theme of " Bees and Honey in 2020". Kathy Johnson (kathyj16@msn.com) is in charge of this for the district and would welcome your suggestions. Dogwood will be in charge of youth entries on August 5th and will be needing volunteers from us when the time comes. District will also need our help for various things from setting up to hosting during the fair. We'll get more info later. Paulette says she has bee hives and a suit that are no longer in use and may be able to be used for display.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Raffle was held.

Lunch was served by our hostesses.

Program: Cameron Archie, a new landscape architect in the Graham area, spoke to us on practical landscape techniques. Thanks to Cameron for a very informative and entertaining presentation. He can be contacted at 253-875-7775, cameron.archie@keposdesign.com.

Members Present:

1. Mary Bewley
2. Linda Evaro
3. Kathy Ewing
4. Dee Hanson
5. Katy Hoffman
6. Diane Mettler
7. Kathy Mettler
8. Rosemary Nordstrom
9. Geneal Palmer
10. Ginny Phillips
11. Paulette Quirie
12. Jane Smith
13. Melody Stalk

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips