

## **UDogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes**

### **March 14, 2019**

#### **Business Meeting:**

Meeting called to order by President Diane Mettler at 10:30 am. Thank you to hostess Lisa Hoversten and Co-Hostess Sherry Hanson.

**22** members present.

Welcome to our several guests.

There was no February meeting due to bad weather. A motion was made by Lisa Libby, 2nd by Paulette Quirie and voted by members present to approve the January 2019 minutes as read via email.

Treasurer's report given by Treasurer Lisa Libby. Lisa reports it is approaching time to send in our club's contribution for the town of Eatonville hanging flower basket project. Diane proposed to donate \$200 as we did last year, voted approved by members present. We will begin to collect dues of \$25 for the 2019-2020 garden club season in April.

#### **Chairman Report:**

Birds chairman, Sharon Aguilar, reports seeing the first swallows doing acrobats around her house. Always a sign of impending spring. And Geneal Palmer heard the frogs singing last night.

Linda Evaro, Garden Therapy chairman, reported on a successful session on February 21st at the Brookdale Courtyard Assisted Living facility in Puyallup. Linda was asked to take over and has accepted the position of Garden Therapy chairman at the district level. Congratulations, Linda, we know you will do a great job. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre volunteered to help Linda.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Diane, Dogwood Park chairman, continued our discussion from our January meeting of the issue of it becoming more difficult for us to physically maintain the clean up of Dogwood Park. She made the suggestion of hiring a known local landscape maintenance person to take over this spring clean-up day project at the rate of \$75 a day. Following group discussion, a motion was made by Kathy Mettler, 2nd by Jan Landry and voted approved by members present to hire him for a days work in April. Diane will schedule this.

#### **New Business:**

Diane let us know it is time to begin potting up plant starts from our gardens for our plant sale at the annual community May Day celebration on Friday May 3rd. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre and Lisa Libby are the chairmen. This is our major fundraiser for our club and we need lots of help with plant donations and help on the day of this sale. Set up is 9am and sale takes place approximately 10-2. It is hoped Chris Bivins will help us to make sandwich boards to advertise and help direct people to our sales area in the high school gym. It was suggested by Pam Waring we need to make our workers more visible by possibly wearing hats or aprons. Lisa Libby requested anyone who has supplies related to the plant sale to please bring them to our April meeting so we can see what we have and what's still needed, such as signs, plant markers, etc.

Diane let us know that because of conflicts with her work schedule she will not be able to continue heading up the Art In Bloom garden tour event. The Van Eaton's will also no longer be able to host the event at their property. Instead of the garden tour, she is thinking about doing a simpler low key event, "Ohop Valley Garden Party". It would take place at a couple of residents in the Ohop Valley hopefully around the 3rd weekend in July and is still in the planning stages.

## Hill and Dale District Business:

The District meeting will be held March 26th at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306 - 134th Street South, Tacoma. Cost is \$15 which includes the program speakers and lunch. Horticulture and photo entries will take place from 8:45 - 9:45 am. Meeting starts at 10 am. See your emailed Flower Show Schedule for details on entering. Please contact Lisa Libby ([llibby@centurytel.net](mailto:llibby@centurytel.net) or 360-492-3007) by March 20th to pre-register. A sign-up sheet was passed. We are always welcome to come and pay at the door also.

Mary Bewley updated us on an educational display on Puget Sound Birds our club is responsible for assembling for the March 26th District Meeting. Several members brought bird material to help with the display. We will meet at Sharon Aguilar's chicken house on Sunday March 24th, 2 pm to help put together this display.

The District Workshop, "Spring Magic" will take place on April 30th, 8:30 - 2:15 pm at the Dryer Masonic Center in Tacoma also. The cost to attend is \$20 and includes lunch, 2 horticulture programs, and a design program. Our club is responsible for serving in the kitchen this year which means we need about 10 volunteers to set up for lunch and snack breaks. Volunteers attend for free! Each Hill and Dale club provides 6 homemade salads and 4 dozen homemade cookies. A sign up sheet was passed. The basket we will be putting together for the auction for this event will be a theme of birds. If you have items to donate to include in the basket, anything related to birds, houses, feeders, seed, etc, please bring to our April meeting.

Meeting adjourned 11:20 am.

Raffle was held.

Lunch was served by our hostesses.

**Program:** Speaker **Sue Goetz**, professional landscaper and garden author, spoke on using herbs from our gardens to create blended spa and kitchen products based on her book "The Herb Lovers Spa Book".

### Members Present:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. Crystal Dorsey
4. Linda Evaro
5. Sherry Hanson
6. Anne Hartman
7. Lisa Hoversten
8. Jan Landry
9. Lisa Libby
10. Diane Mettler
11. Kathy Mettler
12. Kathleen Owen
13. Geneal Palmer
14. Ginny Phillips
15. Paulette Quirie
16. Nancy Schank
17. Jane Smith
18. Lynne Smith
19. Melody Stalk
20. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre

### Guests:

- Connie Walter
- Rosemary Nordstrom
- Sue Doll
- Katie Hoffman
- Kathy Toups (Root and Bloom)
- Rachel Jennings "
- Kathy Johnson "
- Kathy Straub "
- Diana Riddle "
- Judy Strickland "
- Doris Yuckert "

21. Sharon Van Eaton
22. Pam Waring

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips