

## **Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes September 13, 2018**

### **Business Meeting:**

Meeting called to order by Vice President **Kathy Mettler** at 10:40 am. Thank you to our hostess **Krissy** at **Krissy's Kreations**.

Welcome to visitors **Pamela Jones and Julie Nash** ( introduced by **Sammie Jo Thirtyacre**) and **Linda Maida**. **13** members present.

Motion made by **Kathleen Owen**, 2nd by **Nancy Schank** to approve June Minutes, and voted approved by members present.

Treasurer's report given by **Mary Bewley**. Members went over proposed budget for 2018-2019. In order to cover our portion of the cost for the Arbor Day tree planted yearly by District, a motion was made by **Mary Bewley**, 2nd by **Nancy Schank** and **Kathleen Owen** and voted approved by members present to raise our contribution to \$20.00.

### **Chairman Reports:**

Thanks to **Sharon Aguilar** for her submissions of club news to the ECHO.

**Ginny Phillips**, Sunshine Chairman, requested we remember to notify her of members who may need a little sunshine in the way of a card/message sent their way. We also notify the District Sunshine person so they can send out a message.

### **New Business:**

The club booklets are in the process of being put together. Thanks to Lisa Libby, Mary and Ginny for working on this.

**Lynne Smith** volunteered to host our October meeting.

Dogwood Park Fall cleanup is scheduled for Friday, October 26th, 9:30 am. A sign up sheet was passed. Bring gloves, hand tools, rakes and weed eaters. We usually have some coffee, water and maybe donuts available. For those interested, we can go into town for lunch when done. Last May we voted to allow \$100 to purchase bulbs for planting at Dogwood Park. **Kathleen Owen** will be shopping for these. If Jr Garden Club decides to help plant these bulbs, **Sammie Jo Thirtyacre** says she is approved for driving a Van to transport the children to the park and could help with this.

### **Old Business:**

**Kathy Mettler** reported Art In Bloom was a success. Just over \$3000 was raised and donated to the Eatonville Food Bank. Our club flower booth raised \$109.00 which was turned over to Mary by Kathy Mettler for deposit. Thanks to all who brought flowers and worked at the booth, worked at the Friday night auction and hosted at the gardens during the garden tour.

Poinsettia challenge is ongoing. Several members present report having live and thriving plants. Please remember to take pictures and make copies for **Mary Bewley** to complete her submission of this project for judging in October. You can bring your pictures to turn in to Mary at the October meeting. Our guest **Linda Maida** and **Nancy Schank** let us know that it is no longer necessary to put your plants into the closet in order to get them to bloom!!

### **Hill and Dale District News:**

**Ginny** reported we have the WSFGC 2019 wall calendars for sale for \$7 each. They are featuring Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers from around the state and have a very nice biography of Dorothy Dwyer who belonged to our District. She was very instrumental in promoting the Blue Star Marker program in Washington.

**Mary and Ginny** reported the District meeting will take place on September 25th at Dryer Masonic Center, 306 134th St. S., Tacoma. **Our club is responsible this time for clerking and we need to be there by 8:30 am to take in entries and help the judges. We will also need to help clean up at the end of the meeting.** Cost is \$15 which includes lunch and am and pm programs. Entries can be turned in 8:30- 9:30. Meeting starts at 10am. The AM program is on Winter Color In The Garden. Pm program will be designers working with 2 members from each

club to put together a design. For this program **each club needs to bring a bucket of flowers and greenery**. If each member attending tries to bring a handful of flowers and greenery, then we can combine them. A sign-up sheet was passed. If you plan on attending, please let **Mary Bewley** (bewley@blarg.net) know by 9-19 so she can turn in a head count. **Linda Maida** from District explained the importance and responsibilities of our participation in clerking, besides it just being a great opportunity to have fun and meet members from other clubs in our district. **Linda** gave us sheets explaining our responsibilities. **Linda** also informed us of a couple hints for preserving flowers. Hydrangeas do better when the stem tips are dipped in alum before placing in water in our vases. Dalia's last longer if the cut ends are placed in water that is heated to just under boiling. Let them cool then place in water in your vase.

**Linda Evaro**, our Garden Therapy chairman, informed us of the upcoming garden therapy on October 24th, 10 am. It takes place at Brookdale Courtyard retirement home, 4610 6th St. Place, Puyallup. Each club needs to have at least 1 member attend. **Sammie Jo and Linda E** so far are committed to attending. It is always fun and rewarding to work with the residents doing a crafty project.

Smokey the Bear 2019 National Garden Club poster contest project was explained to us by **Mary Bewley**. We will try to get the kids at the Elementary schools, grades 1-5 involved. Members should try to encourage kids to get involved. Contact **Mary** for more info. Finished entries should be turned into Mary and submitted to district. She will talk more on this in October.

A discussion was held on the Pierce County Fair results. While there were less entries in horticulture probably due to the hot season and flowers being earlier than usual, attendance at the fair was better than usual. Programs for kids at the floral building were well attended. **Mary** will submit our comments in the survey provided by District.

**Mary** asked if **Sherry Hanson** would pass along to the person in charge of the gardening / greenhouse project at Columbia Crest school a message to please contact District to report on the use of the monetary donation District made to their project. The District would like to set up a time to come visit the school and see what is being done in the project.

**Program:** Presented on Succulents by our hostess, **Krissy of Krissy's Kreations**. We then had a fun time shopping for lots of succulents.

**Members Present:**

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. Linda Evaro
4. Sherry Hanson
5. Lisa Hoversten
6. Jan Landry
7. Kathy Mettler
8. Kathleen Owen
9. Ginny Phillips
10. Nancy Schank
11. Lynne Smith
12. Melody Stalk
13. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre

**Guests:**

1. Linda Maida
2. Pamela Jones
3. Julie Nash

Minutes recorded by Secretary **Ginny Phillips**