

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2019

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President Diane Mettler at 10:40 am at the Mineral Lake Lodge Event Center. Thank you to hostesses Lisa Libby and Leslee Dunlap.

17 members present.

Welcome to new member Rosemary Nordstrom.

Welcome to guests Carolyn McKelvie and Joy Sperline.

A motion was made by Lisa Libby and voted by members present to approve the March 2019 minutes as read via email.

Treasurer's report given by Treasurer Lisa Libby. Donations were made to the Eatonville Daffodil Float and to the Eatonville hanging flower basket project. Lisa began collecting \$25 dues for the 2019-2020 club year. She also passed around the updated roster for us to make any necessary changes.

Chairman Report:

Diane Mettler reported that the clean up at Dogwood Park was completed this week by our hired maintenance worker Rocky. All trash was cleaned up as well and Rocky disposed of all debris and trash. Members are encouraged to continue to stop by occasionally and pick up trash.

Unfinished Business:

Donated items were collected from members for our bird themed raffle basket for "Workshop". Jane Smith volunteered to take our collection and put it all together. It was suggested she might check with Terry Van Eaton to see if he might have a large container to present all these items in.

Lisa Libby is in need of a 2nd chairperson as Sammie Jo Thirtyacre will not be available to help chair our May Day Plant sale. Mary Bewley volunteered to help Lisa Libby with this. We still need members to keep potting up their plants to be sold at the sale on May 3rd. We can bring our plants at 9 am that morning and help to set up and sell plants that day. Please label plants with plant name, etc. Diane has ordered the banners to be used on sandwich boards to advertise our presence in the gym. We decided not to do a raffle of items this year. But if you want to make some special little pots of flowers or plants, we do have lots of students who like to pick up pretties for their moms for Mother's Day. Diane has left over compost if we need it for potting up plants for our MayDay sale.

Mary reports that the Junior gardeners are not in need of hanging pots this year but can use the container bottoms we get with such things as Costco roasted chickens. They will be meeting in May and June and then start up again in the Fall. They will be helping to place bouquets for Veterans on Memorial Day as usual.

New Business:

Nancy Schank let us know about a plant sale taking place on April 12-13, put on by the Rhododendron Species Garden.

Lisa L told us about a Master Gardeners plant sale taking place May 18 & 19 at the South Western Washington Fairgrounds Expo Hall. Contact WSU Lewis County Master Gardeners website for more info.

Nancy let us know that the Windmill Gardens in Sumner will be closing at the end of this gardening season.

Hill and Dale District New Business:

Mary Bewley reminded us of the upcoming district Workshop on April 30th. Dogwood is responsible for kitchen duty. We could use a few more volunteers to help here. Duties are making coffee, receiving salads and cookies from the clubs in the AM, setting out cookies for coffee breaks, setting out salads for lunch, and clean up. By volunteering we attend at no charge (usual cost is \$25). You can come to help for part of the day or all day. We will try to trade off duties so we all have a chance to attend presentations. We need to be there at 8 am to start the coffee and to

start accepting the salads and cookies. Any and all help will be much appreciated. Those donating cookies and salads may bring them the day of Workshop if attending or deliver to Mary or Ginny Phillips by April 29th.

The recent District meeting took place on March 26th. Jane Smith won an award for her photo entry. Mary displayed our club's Bird Nests of Puget Sound entry.

Mary and Lisa L reminded us District Arbor Day tree planting will take place on April 17th, 11am at Frontier Park in Graham. Lynne Smith will be picking up the tree and delivering to the planting site. All are invited to attend.

Lisa L told us District, along with other groups, will be holding a yard sale at Frontier Park on April 27th. Club's may choose to sell at this sale for an entry fee of \$15. We decided we would not take part this time. Maybe next year. All are welcome to attend.

Lisa L reminded us that we are all welcome to come to the District Board meetings. Next one takes place on April 23rd, 10 am at the Southeast Tacoma Community Center.

Lisa L let us know Columbia Crest A STEM academy will be speaking at a District Meeting in the Fall on their gardening program.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Raffle was held.

Lunch was served by our hostesses.

Program: We all shared our bird knowledge. Diane Mettler gave a presentation on bird songs.

Members Present:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. Marcia Burroughs
4. Kathy Carver
5. Leslee Dunlap
6. Sherry Hanson
7. Keri Lynn Hatcher
8. Henry Louie
9. Lisa Libby
10. Diane Mettler
11. Geneal Palmer
12. Ginny Phillips
13. Paulette Quirie
14. Nancy Schank
15. Jane Smith
16. Lynne Smith
17. Melody Stalk

Guests:

1. Caroline McKelvie
2. Joy Sperline

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips