

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes April 13, 2017

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 10:35 am by President **Diane Mettler**. Thank you to hostess **Mary Bewley** and co-hostess **Nancy Shank**. **Mary** also thanked **Ginny Phillips** for providing the fruit salad.

19 members present.

Motion made by **Lisa Libby**, 2nd by **Rosie Trujillo**, and voted by members present to approve the March minutes.

Treasurer's report was given by treasurer **Lisa Libby**. Expenditures paid toward costs for Jr Garden Club and items for basket donation to District Workshop raffle. Lisa also reported she was reimbursed by members for fees paid to District by the club for attendance costs for the recent District Meeting and Workshop. **Mary** pointed out it is time to make our annual donations to the Daffodil float and the District Arbor Day tree project. **Lisa** will take care of these.

It is time to start collecting dues for the upcoming year. We are required to pay \$15 to the District in dues per member. Discussion was had concerning our \$12 yearly dues and the monthly collection of \$2 for a meeting fee. A motion was made by **Kathy Mettler**, 2nd by **Kathleen Owen**, and voted approved by members present to change the dues to **\$25 per year** and to **drop the monthly meeting fee**, to begin with this collection for the 2017-2018 club year. This will be changed in our Rules. Our treasurer began collecting dues of \$25 for the upcoming garden year. **Lisa** pointed out there are scholarships available if the cost is prohibitive.

Chairman's Report:

Diane reminded us of Dogwood Park clean-up which will be held next Tuesday, April 18th, at 10 am. There will be donuts and coffee furnished. Please bring gloves, rakes, trash bag, clippers, weed eater etc for your use. Anyone who is interested may meet in town for lunch after this work party. Sign up sheet was passed.

Unfinished Business:

The sign has arrived for **Vera Byrd's** memorial tree. **Diane** will decide on a date to place it and **Mary** will notify the family so they can be present if desired. We will take pictures to be submitted to the **Dispatch** newspaper.

Discussion was had concerning the upcoming club plant sale at Community Day held at the high school May 5th. Continue planting up donations of plants and try to label each plant with names, and details about the plant, where to plant, how big the plant will be, etc. We will be set up in our usual spot in the small gym located near the football field. You can bring your plants starting at 9am to the back door adjacent to the parking lot. Rosie has made arrangements with **Larry Owens** to do the worm box construction demonstration on site and she will let him know to be there from 11am - 2pm. The box will then be raffled off along with other items: a book donated by **Nancy Schank** titled "Earth On Her Hands", and art work by **Chris Bivins**. The club will reimburse **Larry** for the costs of materials for the worm box, he is donating his time. We will use our club sign, plus **Diane** has sticks and colored labels for pricing. She will make up some fliers for advertising our booth around town and will post notices on social media to promote our sale. **Lynne Smith** has a cash box we can use. We will be selling raffle tickets for the items listed previously. **Lisa** gave out small red containers for members to plant up for sale. Let **Diane** know if you have further questions or suggestions.

Ginny Phillips and **Kathy Mettler** reported on our orchid field trip on March 23rd to the home of **Susie Inglis**. She was so informative, gave out info sheets, served us coffee and cookies and

demonstrated repotting an orchid. She raffled off orchid plants and orchid books to those of us who attended. A great outing! **Kathy** ordered orchid soil from repot.com and has extra material if anyone needs it.

New Business:

It is time to consider if anyone is interested in serving the club as an officer or any officers who want to step down. All officers are willing to continue. A motion was made by **Rosie**, 2nd by **Sheri Slayton** and voted approved by members present for the present officers to continue in their offices.

A discrepancy was pointed out by **Ginny** between our bylaws and standing rules concerning the number of times we meet yearly. Article IV states we will meet at least 8 times per year, Rule #10 states at least 9 meetings per year. Motion made by **Anne Hartman**, 2nd by **Rosie** and voted approved by members present to change rule #10 to state we will meet at least 8 times per year.

Lisa informed us of a free quilt show put on by the Mary Bridge group that will be taking place at the same time as our May Day plant sale at the Eatonville home of Marlene Ellis. Our member **Kathleen Owen** will be displaying quilts.

We will participate in barrel planting in Eatonville again this year but **Lisa** suggested we discuss this at our May meeting.

Diane informed us that the town of Eatonville is asking for donations toward the purchase of floral hanging baskets for the main streets. **Terry Van Eaton** made a motion to donate \$200 from and on behalf of Dogwood Garden Club for this program. It was 2nd by **Diane** and voted approved by members present.

Our member **Keri Lynn Olson** was recently married. We asked her if she would be interested in club members potting up summer flowers in their own pots for her reception planned for later this summer. She would like this and will let us know what colors and flowers she likes. Members would take care of these pots until needed for her reception.

Hill and Dale Business:

The District Arbor Day tree planting will take place on April 28th at the Pierce County Fairgrounds at 11am. **Mary** has purchased the tree and **Lynne Smith** will pick it up and deliver it to the grounds. Anyone is welcome to attend and they usually go out for lunch afterwards.

Mary thanked members who attended the March 28th District meeting for helping with the clerking duties. Our club had a great participation in horticulture, photo, and design entries. Lots of blue and red awards were earned. **Lisa Libby** won best in show for her frog photo and **Ginny Phillips** won best in show in the mini category for her mini Daffodil entry.

Also thanks to all those who donated salads and cookies for the District Workshop lunch on March 29th. There were great programs on fairy gardens in the morning and a really fun contest in the afternoon between 4 designers who were given identical supplies to put together a design on the spot at the same time. The wine and chocolates basket our club donated turned out beautifully and along with items provided by other clubs in our district helped provide the largest raffle sale of tickets the Workshop has ever had.

Anne Hartman, our ECHO editor, reminded us that articles are due by the end of April. Also send along any photos you can share from District activities. Remember to share photos from over the summer to be included in the fall ECHO.

Meeting fee of \$2 collected.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Lunch was served by our hostesses.

Raffle was held.

Nancy put out a set of booklets from the Brooklyn Botanical Garden for us to choose to take.

Next meeting, May 11th, is at **Keri Lynn Olson Hatcher's** home.

Speaker **Walt Birdsall** from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department's Natural Yard Care Program spoke to us on natural yard care and the minimal use of insecticides, etc. He gave out multiple handouts.

Members Present:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. Sherry Hanson
4. Anne Hartman
5. Keri Lynn Olson Hatcher
6. Joan Hofer
7. Lisa Libby
8. Henry Louie
9. Diane Mettler
10. Kathy Mettler
11. Anne Norman
12. Kathleen Owen
13. Ginny Phillips
14. Celene Ryan
15. Nancy Schank
16. Lynne Smith
17. Rosie Trujillo
18. Sharon Van Eaton
19. Terrie Van Eaton

Minutes recorded by Secretary **Ginny Phillips**.