

## **Dogwood Garden Club February 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

### **Business Meeting:**

Meeting called to order by President **Diane Mettler** at 10:45 AM.

Thank you to hostess **Kathy Mettler** and co-hostess **Sheri Slayton**.

**16** members present.

**1** Guest: **Judy Blackmer**, friend of our speaker. Judy passed out info on the Iris Society of which she and our speaker are members.

January minutes motioned approved as read by **Kathy Mettler** and 2nd by **Rosie Trujillo** and voted approved by members present.

Treasurer's report given by Treasurer **Ilse Trujillo**. **Cking account: \$3638.73.**

Sunshine cards were passed to sign for members **Terrie Van Eaton** and **Joan Harmon** who have been under the weather.

### **Chairman Report:**

**Diane**, Dogwood Park Clean up chairman, reported there was a truck accident at the park which caused quite a lot of damage to the front bedding area. Clean up will be done by the State crew at a later date when they are available. Our club clean up date at the park in April will be decided later and really cannot be thoroughly completed until the State's work is done. Some replanting may be required. We will address this at a future meeting.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Diane** had a suggestion for pricing plants at our annual May Day plant sale the 1st Friday in May. She proposed attaching colored stickers to large size craft sticks (tongue depressor type) to put in each plant. Different colors would be assigned a price. Her husband Chris volunteered to make a sign with the colors and price designations to help us label plants. Members donating plants should still try to label each of their plants with the name, etc.

We were reminded of a Chase Gardens event coming up on May 21st. The speaker will be Cisco and the cost is \$50. Contact Chase Gardens for tickets which will probably sell out quickly. Also they are participating in a community garage sale in March. If you have any items to donate please contact Chase Gardens.

**March Dogwood Club Meeting:** Will be held on **Friday, March 10th**. We will go on a field trip to the home of Orchid grower Susie Inglis in N Tacoma. Bring a sack lunch. **Diane** would be our hostess and bring coffee. More detailed info to follow.

### **New Business:**

**Mary Bewley** let us know that the tree planted at the annual Arbor Day tree planting in April, which our club contributes to, will be named in memory of **Betty Backstrom**. She was instrumental in many ways to the development and success of the Pierce County Fair and 4-H programs. She passed away recently.

**Anne Hartman** wondered about our being able to buy more than one raffle ticket at our meeting drawings. The hostess usually provides the items to raffle, but it was suggested other members attending could also bring things to raffle off. It could be an additional method of fund-raising for the group. It was suggested by **Diane** that we could purchase as many tickets at 50 cents each to equal the number of items to raffle off. A motion was made on this suggestion by **Anne Hartman**, 2nd by **Kathleen Owen** and voted

approved by members. We will make an addition to this effect in our standing rule #4 in our new booklets for next year.

**Diane** let us know Arrow has free pallets when they are available.

**Mary Bewley** told us about a property donation made to the school district by Steve Burwash. It is located on the west end of Ohop Valley Rd.

### **Hill and Dale District Business:**

There will be a district garden therapy session for residents at the Brookdale Care Center on 176th St., Graham, Wednesday February 17th at 10 AM. They will be making seed bird feeders with the residents. Each district club needs 2 members to participate. Please let **Diane or Lisa Libby** know if you are able to attend.

A sign-up sheet was passed for providing 6 salads and 6 dozen cookies for the upcoming annual District Workshop on March 30th. If you are unable to attend, you can give your donations to **Mary Bewley** or others attending prior to the workshop. We are also responsible to provide a basket for raffle at this workshop. **Paulette Quirie** suggested a wine and chocolate theme. She will provide the chocolate wine, and a sign-up sheet was passed for other items to donate. Let **Diane** know if you have items to add.

Our club will be making 10 table centerpieces to be sold at the upcoming District meeting on March 22nd. **Mary, Diane and Sharon Aguilar** formed a committee to assemble these at **Sharon's** "chicken coop" on Sunday, March 20th, 1 PM. Spring colors and flowers were suggested as a beginning theme, and **Nancy Schank** suggested could include moss, etc from our gardens. Please contact these members with your ideas and to participate.

Entries for District awards need to be turned in by April 1st. If you are wanting to make an entry contact **Diane** for further information. She can email particular info for different awards.

Meeting fee of \$2 collected.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Raffle.

Sack lunches were brought by members. Dessert served by our hostesses.

**Program:** Presented by Master Gardener **Rita Butler** on growing vertically. She gave us a handout on the subject.

### **Members Present:**

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| 1. Sharon Aguilar  | 9. Kathleen Owen    |
| 2. Mary Bewley     | 10. Geneal Palmer   |
| 3. CeaCea Bicknell | 11. Ginny Phillips  |
| 4. Linda Evaro     | 12. Paulette Quirie |
| 5. Anne Hartman    | 13. Nancy Schank    |
| 6. Diane Mettler   | 14. Sheri Slayton   |
| 7. Kathy Mettler   | 15. Ilse Trujillo   |
| 8. Anne Norman     | 16. Rosie Trujillo  |

**Guest:** Judy Blackmer

Minutes recorded by Secretary **Ginny Phillips**