

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes December 12, 2019

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President Diane Mettler at 10:40 am. Thank you to Crystal Dorsey and Sharon Van Eaton for hosting and co-hosting.

26 members present.

Motion made by Lisa Libby and voted approved by members present to accept the November minutes as read via email.

Treasurer's report given by Treasurer Lisa Libby.

Chairman Report

Diane Mettler reported that the piles of debris that were left from the clean-up done at Dogwood Park in October have not been cleared by the county yet. She will contact them again as this is their part of the clean up process to pick up this debris.

New Business:

Mary Bewley gave us an update on Kathy Bowman. She is recovering at home and would no doubt enjoy messages from any who might like to write to her.

Mary requested volunteers to help her when Jr Garden Club starts up in March. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre, Fawn Bauer, Lisa Hoversten, and Pam Waring offered their help. They will decide on a day to meet for sure, but it looks like Thursdays will be a good fit for everyone.

Our January meeting will be a road trip to the W. W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory in Tacoma. Diane is working on a plan to rent a couple vans for us to use to carpool to this destination. More details to follow.

Diane wondered if anyone has Amaryllis growing and if we have had good luck getting them to rebloom. Lisa Libby suggested we try growing these as a club group project. If you are interested in taking part and need an Amaryllis bulb, let Diane know and she'll get one to you. As you are growing your bulb, take notes and pictures of progress so that we can put together lots of info to submit this project when it's time.

Old Business:

Club Booklets were distributed to those who hadn't yet received them. Membership cards were given out to all present showing membership in the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs (WSFGC). These often can be used for a discount at garden centers, always worthwhile to ask. Keep those cards handy.

Diane asked for input on highlights of meetings this past year. Members mentioned an orchid meeting we attended in Federal Way, meeting at the Windmill Gardens in Summer to learn about making lasagna bulb plantings, visiting Cox Tree Farm, and meeting on Crystal's deck in June.

Hill and Dale District Business:

Mary thanked all who helped at the swag making project. Thanks to Sharon Aguilar for providing the meeting space in her chicken house and to those who helped: Sharon Aguilar, Geneal Palmer, Linda Evaro, Jane Smith, Kathy Mettler, Mary Bewley, Ginny Phillips. Thanks also to Pam Waring and Katy Hoffman for donating supplies.

We had a good turnout at the District meeting on December 3rd. Our club had a record number attending: Anne Hartman, Rosemary Nordstrom, Geneal Palmer, Kathy Mettler, Susan Arthur, Linda Evaro, Paulette Quirie, Mary Bewley, Ginny Phillips.

Mary reminded us to keep saving old shoes and boots worthy of being able to place a plant in. These will be used at the Pierce County Fair in August 2020 as a youth program in the floral barn. They can be brought to meetings and given to Mary or Lisa Libby.

Lisa L pointed out that we are now the largest club in membership in the Hill and Dale District. She reminded us that we were commended for the excellent service our club gave clerking at the September District meeting.

Congratulations to our member Linda Evaro who won the district "floral design a month for a year" raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Raffle was held.

Potluck lunch served by our hostesses.

Food was collected for the food bank.

"Musical Chairs" Gift exchange was held.

Program: Members shared Christmas ideas from the garden: Nancy Schank, Mary Bewley, Diane Mettler and Ginny Phillips.

Members Present:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Susan Arthur
3. Fawn Bauer
4. Mary Bewley
5. Marcia Burroughs
6. Kathy Carver
7. Crystal Dorsey
8. Linda Evaro
9. Sherry Hanson
10. Anne Hartman
11. Keri Lynn Hatcher
12. Katy Hoffman
13. Lisa Hoversten
14. Lisa Libby
15. Diane Mettler
16. Kathy Mettler
17. Geneal Palmer
18. Ginny Phillips
19. Paulette Quirie
20. Nancy Schank
21. Jane Smith
22. Lynne Smith
23. Melody Stalk
24. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre
25. Sharon Van Eaton
26. Pam Waring

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips