

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes November 14, 2019

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Vice-president Kathy Mettler at 10:30 am. Thank you to hostesses Ginny Phillips and Sherry Hanson.

22 members present.

Welcome to guests Fawn Bauer and Dee Hansen.

October minutes were voted approved as read via email or hard copy by members present.

Treasurer's report given by treasurer Lisa Libby.

This was our first gathering of food items donated by members for the Community Center food bank. They welcome cash also. We will collect for the Food Bank again in December.

Congratulations to our new ECHO reporter, Crystal Dorsey for doing a great job with her recent article.

Also thanks to our member Anne Hartman, editor of the ECHO, for another informative publication of the ECHO issue.

Chairman Report:

Kathy Mettler reported that our landscape worker, Rocky, came in and worked at removing blackberries at Dogwood Park in October as part of our bi-annual clean up at the park. He removed them from the area along the fence where people park to view the mountain. Mary Bewley gave us a refresher on how the park began. It was established in 1986 with donation of the property by the neighboring property owners Dave and Mary Schactler. Dogwood Garden Club has worked at doing plantings and clean up spring and fall since that time. It was suggested by Lisa Libby that the center area by the highway could use some help and agreed by the members present that this would be a good area to concentrate on in the spring.

Linda Evaro and Sammie Jo Thirtyacre reported on the Garden Therapy program which took place on October 24th at Silver Creek Retirement Center. It was fun for both residents and volunteers. Linda and Sammie Jo have taken over co-chairing this committee for the Hill and Dale District. All garden clubs take part by providing at least 1 volunteer from each club. The next session will be on February 27th.

Old Business:

Club Booklets were handed out to members who had not received them yet.

We discussed the upcoming sale of club crafts at the District meeting on December 3rd. Lisa Libby reminded us that the purpose of this sale is an opportunity for clubs to use it as a fundraiser. We have discussed making greenery swags, wreaths, etc. Lisa showed us pictures of a project using tomato cages and greenery to make Christmas gnomes. We agreed to visit this idea again after we have our presentation today so we'll know better when would be best to have a work party for this project. Sharon Aguilar let us know she has huge shrubs and Holly for cutting at her house for greenery projects. Contact her if you are in need of greens. Keri Lynn Hatcher volunteered to make a sign to post with our items we bring to sell at the District meeting.

New Business:

Next meeting will be at Crystal Dorsey's home on Thursday, December 12th. Sharon Van Eaton will be her Co-Hostess. Whoever wants to participate can bring a wrapped garden related item for a gift exchange. This is our annual Christmas party/potluck. More details to come later.

Hill and Dale District Business:

Mary Bewley and Lisa Libby informed us of the upcoming District meeting on December 3rd, 10am at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306 - 134th Street South, Tacoma, WA 98444. There will be no flower show in lieu of the craft program by club's. A sign-up sheet was passed by Lisa L. Please contact her if you wish to register to attend. The cost to attend is \$15 which includes lunch and programs.

Lisa L had remaining raffle tickets available for sale for the District raffle to win a floral design a month for the coming year. Tickets are 5 for \$5.

Mary Bewley listed and presented awards won by our club and individuals from National, State and Regional.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Raffle held for 3 items.

Lunch and dessert served by our hostesses.

Program: Our newest member, former florist Katy Hoffman, gave a presentation on holiday wreath, swag, door hangers and table decorations using artificial and fresh greenery. We then made our own swag to take home and enjoy. The highlight was learning how to make a perfect, beautiful bow!

Members Present:

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

Guests:

1. Fawn Bauer
2. Dee Hansen

Welcome to new member Fawn Bauer who joined our club at meetings end.

•• We once again called the meeting to order from 1- 1:15 pm to discuss and decide on a meeting time for swag, etc making for the District sale. It was decided we would meet at Sharon Aguilar's chicken house at 10 am on Monday, December 2nd. Bring greenery you have available and clippers for your use. ••

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips