

## Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes March 9, 2017

### **Business Meeting:**

Meeting called to order by vice-president **Kathy Mettler** at 10:45am at Raintree Nursery in Morton, WA.

**14** members present. Welcome to guest **Charles**, husband of **Nancy Schank**, and **Isabella**, friend of **Kathleen Owen**.

Motion was made by **Lisa Libby**, 2nd by **Kathy Mettler** and voted by members present to approve the February minutes.

Treasurer's report was given by treasurer **Lisa Libby**. Our club recently purchased a new book "**Handbook for Flower Shows**" which will give us guidance when entering in District events. **Mary Bewley** has this book at present and we can access it for help with these new rules which will take effect in July 2017.

**Kathy Mettler** informed us former member **Helen Neighbor** passed away March 6th. **Sharon Aguilar** let us know that another long time former member, **Virginia Wolfe**, passed away recently also.

### **Unfinished Business:**

The sign has arrived for the **Vera Byrd** memorial tree. It has not been installed yet.

Items were turned in to be included in the District Workshop raffle basket our club is putting together. If you have further items to be included in the basket, please get them to Diane.

Garden Therapy took place on February 22 at the Brookdale Facility. **Ginny Phillips and Rosie Trujillo** represented our club. They made humming bird feeders with the residents. Next garden therapy will be held at the same facility on May 18th.

Regarding the worm boxes discussed last meeting, **Kathy Mettler** let us know via info from **Rosie Trujillo** that the cost for **Larry Owens** to get building materials to construct a worm box on-site at our May Day plant sale would be \$50. His labor and demo would be free. We would then raffle it off as a fundraiser at the plant sale. A motion was made by **Geneal Palmer**, 2nd by **Kathleen Owen** and voted approved by members present to go ahead with this plan. We will have **Rosie** arrange time and place details with **Larry**.

A reminder that our orchid field trip will take place on Thursday, March 23rd. We will make plans to carpool. **Diane Mettler** will send out further info and a reminder next week.

### **New Business:**

**Mary Bewley** let us know that Arbor Day is coming up in April and she will give us more details next meeting.

**Mary** also let us know that Jr Garden Club will be needing empty hanging baskets for spring projects. Please bring any you have to share to the April meeting at **Mary's** house. **Nancy Schank** will ck with Vassey as they sometimes have extras of these.

**Sharon Aguilar** asked that we keep an eye out for the swallows arriving in our area. It has been reported they are dwindling in number. There was an article in the Tribune concerning this around March 7th.

Motion was made by **Kathy Mettler**, 2nd by **Lisa Libby** and voted approved by those attending for **Sharon Aguilar** to be in charge of keeping us informed of upcoming entry deadlines for state awards. The blue WSFGC Directory was given to her to study. **Lisa** pointed out that when submitting entries to not only include pictures but a hard copy as well.

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

**Lisa Libby** attended the District board meeting recently and will continue on as District secretary.

**Lisa** passed a sign-up sheet for attending the **District Meeting** on Tuesday, March 28th. The cost to attend is \$15 which includes lunch and programs. Our club is responsible for taking in entries for horticulture, so we are in need of members to help with this. We need to be there at 8:15 am to be ready for entries. We also need a couple of members at the end of the District meeting to help set up for the Workshop taking place the next day. Please let **Ginny Phillips** ([grgiphil@gmail.com](mailto:grgiphil@gmail.com) or 208-664-9962) know if you are planning on attending by Wednesday March 22nd so reservations can be turned in.

**District Workshop** will take place on Wednesday, March 29th. The cost is \$20 which includes lunch and programs. A sign-up sheet was passed for the donation of cookies and salads for this event. Each club is responsible for supplying 6 salads and 6 (1-2 dozen ea) plates of cookies. These can be turned into **Mary Bewley or Ginny Phillips** if you are not attending the workshop.

**\*\*Both the District meeting and the Workshop will be held at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306 134th St S, Tacoma, WA 98444.\*\***

Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

No raffle.

Meeting fee of \$2 collected.

Next meeting at **Mary Bewley's, Nancy Schank** co-hostess, on April 13th.

**Members Present:**

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. Linda Evaro
4. Sherry Hanson
5. Jan Landry
6. Lisa Libby
7. Kathy Mettler
8. Kathleen Owen
9. Geneal Palmer
10. Ginny Phillips
11. Paulette Quirie
12. Nancy Schank
13. Sheri Slayton
14. Lynne Smith

Minutes recorded by secretary **Ginny Phillips**