

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes January 11, 2018

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by president **Diane Mettler** at 10:40 am. Thank you to hostess **Sherry Hanson** and co-hostess **Ginny Phillips**.

17 members present. Welcome to new member **Pam Waring**.

Welcome to guests **Ana Casanova** and **Melody Stock**.

Motion made by **Lisa Libby**, 2nd by **Kathleen Owen** and voted by members present to approve the December 2017 minutes as read.

Treasurer's report given by treasurer **Lisa Libby**.

Yearbooks were handed out to members who had not received them yet. If anyone not present needs a booklet, let Diane know and she can mail one to you.

Chairman Report:

Diane reported we will be doing our spring clean up at Dogwood Park as usual in April sometime. A date will be set at a later meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion was had on our Poinsettia project. Members report some plants appear to have died, **Lisa L** says her plant has developed black spots on some leaves and they are falling off, some plants still have red leaves/bracts but have lost leaves. Info will be gathered to be put together in a report to submit for judging later this year. Suggestions were given by **Nancy Schank** for care: do not water too much, remove plant from plastic covering, do not let plant sit in water in non draining pot, wait till later to fertilize, prune back in Spring, can use Need Oil (spray on) which can be purchased at many places such as Tractor Supply, try not to place the plant by heater vents where it will be in a draft. Please keep taking pictures of your plants, and making notes of progress and we will discuss these at each meeting.

Diane is looking for interested gardeners to have their gardens open for the Art In Bloom garden tour.

New Business:

February 8th meeting will be hosted by **Jan Landry** and co-hostess by **Kathleen Owen**. More info to follow later.

We need to start thinking toward our annual May Day plant sale. It is a major fund raiser for our club. **Sharon Aguilar** has several ceramic type pots to donate that **Diane** offered to plant up for the sale. **Lisa Hoversten** has a number of black plastic pots if needed. Otherwise it was suggested these can be recycled (LRI Recycling or Old Goat Farm uses them). **Diane** suggested we put out notices at the plant sale about joining our club. She will see about having some info cards printed up which could be handed out to interested people.

Hill and Dale District Business:

Lisa Libby let us know that the next Garden Therapy will be taking place February 28th at Brookdale Courtyard in Puyallup. 2 members from each club are requested to take part in this program. More info will be given at our February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Raffle of six items was held.

Lunch served by hostesses.

Kathy Mettler gave a presentation on Bonsai. **Kathy** has worked with Bonsai for over 40 years. She demonstrated pruning of several plants, training the plants in the direction you want them to go with wire and repotting of plants in appropriate containers. We are inspired to give it a try!

Members Present:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Sherry Hanson
3. Keri Lynn Hatcher
4. Joan Hofer
5. Lisa Hoversten
6. Jan Landry
7. Lisa Libby
8. Diane Mettler
9. Kathy Mettler
10. Kathleen Owen
11. Geneal Palmer
12. Ginny Phillips
13. Nancy Schank
14. Lynne Smith
15. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre
16. Sharon Van Eaton
17. Pam Waring

Guests:

Ana Casanova
Melody Stock

Minutes recorded by secretary **Ginny Phillips**