

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2018

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President **Diane Mettler** at 11:20 am. Thank you to our hostess **Susan Inglis** for having us visit her home.

9 members present.

Welcome to visitors **Melody Stalk** and **Ana Casanova**.

Motion made by **Kathy Mettler** and voted by members present to approve the February minutes as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer **Lisa Libby**. **Lisa** reports it is time to give our donation to the Daffodil float program. **Diane** will check to see who the donation goes to. The Daffodil committee is asking for people to volunteer to help make the float so that Eatonville can continue to participate in this annual event. **Lisa** started collecting our \$25 dues today and will continue to do so next month.

Chairman Report:

Diane reminded us of the upcoming Dogwood Park Clean up on Thursday April 26th, 9:30 am. Bring gloves and tools for your use such as trowels, clippers, and rakes. We usually work for a couple hours. There will be coffee and donuts available and those who are interested meet for lunch in town afterward.

Unfinished Business:

Diane showed us a picnic style basket she will donate for our basket donation project for the annual District Workshop on April 30th. Suggested items still needed are napkins, plates, silverware, a blanket maybe, bottle of wine, cookies, candy? Use your imagination. **Lisa L** says she has a tablecloth and **Paulette Quirie** says she has a Hickory Farms gift set to add. We will collect the rest of items at our next regular meeting April 12.

Garden Therapy on February 28th at Brookdale Courtyard was attended by **Kathy Mettler, Sammie Jo Thirtyacre and Ginny Phillips**. **Ginny** reported they assisted the residents to make strings of popcorn, and oranges with bird seed to hang in the trees outdoors to be viewed by those in the dining room. It is really fun and fulfilling to work with these elderly residents.

Checking in with the "Poinsettia Project" 4 members reported they have new leaf growth on their plants. Continue to make notes on your plants and we will share these at future meetings.

New Business:

The Community Day Plant Sale is coming up Friday May 4th at the High School. **Diane** has signed us up for our display tables. This year there is a registration fee of \$50 to participate. Remember to pot up plants to donate as you are doing your spring clean up and plant divisions. We can sell strawberries but no vegetables please. Label your plants with a name and plant requirements. A picture if possible is really helpful. It is our main fundraising event of the year. We will be doing a raffle again so if you have ideas for items to include in this let us know. **Sharon Aguilar** donated several ceramic pots to the club and **Diane** plans on potting these up with flowers to use in the raffle. Her husband Chris will maybe make us a birdhouse to raffle also. **Lisa L** will man the cash box. We will do the "\$5 a box" deal at the end of the sale. We can use black plastic trays if you have them too. Plants should be brought to the gym from 8:30-9:30 the day of the sale. More info to come later.

The City of Eatonville will be asking for monetary donations for the hanging baskets soon. **Geneal Palmer** made a motion to donate \$200 to this cause, but we will discuss this again and vote at our next meeting when we have a quorum present.

The Vera Byrd Dogwood tree planted at the Visitor Center is showing signs of buds.

Art In Bloom is shaping up. If you know of any gardens to include in the garden tour, let Diane know. We will have a flower booth and sell bouquets this year. There will be a potted plant competition at one of the gardens that we can enter. Attendees will vote for their favorite pot in a "people's choice" contest. We will tap cheerleaders and/ or boy scouts to help at the gardens and auction night. More info to come later.

Hill and Dale District Business:

District meeting is coming up on Tuesday, March 27 at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306 134th St S, Tacoma, at 10am. Horticulture entries are submitted 8:45-9:45 see the ECHO for details. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch and the programs.

Lisa L let us know there are a couple of awards to be applied for by May 1st. It was suggested Ken Owen would be a great candidate for "Helpful Husband" award. **Diane** will contact **Kathleen Owen** to help complete forms needed for this. We could possibly submit Art In Bloom for the "Civic Development" award.

Lisa L also reminded us of the upcoming state convention June 4-6. It will be held at the Tacoma Dome Hotel and will include lots of great programs. You can go to www.wagardenclubs.com for details.

Arbor Day tree planting will take place at the Pierce County Fairgrounds on April 11th at 11am.

The annual Workshop is coming up April 30th. **Lisa L** will email us a form to pre-register. It is also held at the Dryer Masonic Center. Each club contributes 6 salads and 4 dozen cookies for this event. Some have already signed up to donate these items, but we will pass a sign up sheet again at our April meeting.

Raffle was held.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 pm.

Program: **Susan Inglis**, orchid grower extraordinaire, shared her knowledge of these beauties with us. At the end of the meeting she held a drawing and each of us got to take home either an orchid, book, orchid calendar or orchid pot! It was so interesting, informative and fun. We really appreciated **Susan** inviting us into her home to share her talents.

Members Attending:

1. Sharon Burlingame
2. Linda Evaro
3. Lisa Libby
4. Diane Mettler
5. Kathy Mettler
6. Geneal Palmer
7. Ginny Phillips
8. Paulette Quirie
9. Pam Waring

Guests:

Ana Casanova and Melody Stalk

Minutes recorded by Secretary **Ginny Phillips**